

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE: Report made by: J. H. Hanson.

Character of Case: KIDNAPING-  
 NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. HAR-  
 BERING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
 JUSTICE.

CHANGED: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases: A. Carter, Raymond Handley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, Earl Peel, Alvin Kapis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, Earl Lyman Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, Alvin Karpavicz (T. N.), R. E. Nelson, Merion Bradford, H. J. Milgreth, H. G. Milgreth, Howard Milgreth, E. L. Burnes, Ray Hall, Dan Murphy, "Chi" Karpis, Raymond Hadley, Albin Karpis, Charles M. Bronson, Leroy Morrison, H. G. Waggoner, E. M. Wagner, Elmer Wagner, Edward N. Wagner, L. O. Woods, A. S. Green - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases: Doc Barker, Claude Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, J. H. Harvey, A. S. Hunter, Dock Barker, F. E. Gordon, H. J. Harvey, Ray Gordon, "James", "Joe", "Shorty" - I.O. #1219; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases: Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson, "Dave", G. L. Summers, G. F. Summers, G. Summers, - I.O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases: "Curley", "Cotton", E. V. Davis, J. H. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, C. E. Moore, "Jimmie", "Curley" Moore, Roy Green, Everett Davis, "Curley" Hansen, "Curley" Hanson, J. E. Hansen, - I.O. #1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases: P. O'Donnell, Phoenix Donald, R. A. Nelson, T. J. Nelson, P. J. Nelson, Bill Scott, J. A. Orhood, Charles W. Lucas, Charles E. Bolling, Bill Weaver, Felix Donald, P. O. Donald, Phoenix O'Donald, W. G. Weaver, P. O. Scott, Bill Thornton, Buck Weaver, Claire Lucas, Felix Donald; HARRY SAWYER with aliases: Frank James, "Dutch" Sawyer, Harry Sandlovich, Harry J. Porche, Harry Sandevich, Harry Sandovich, "Sea Lion". BYRON BOLTON with aliases: William Bryan Bolton (T. N.), Bryon Bolton, Monty Carter, Owen D. Carter, Owen Bernard Carter; JAMES J. WILSON with aliases: Jimmie Wilson, James Jackson, James Ryan, "Dr. Jim" Wilson, E. J. Powell; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases: Joseph B. Moran, Joseph C. Moran, "Doc" Moran - I.O. #1232; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases: Willie Harrison, J. B. Bolton, W. J. Ryan; William Harrison; OLIVER A. BERG with aliases: Ollie Berg, "Izzie", Mr. Jones, Oliver Bennett; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER with aliases: "Williams"; PHILIP J. DELANEY with aliases: Phillip Delaney, Phil Delaney, Philip Gelaney; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, SR. with aliases: "Boss" McLaughlin, Mr. Smith; ELMER FARMER; HAROLD ALDERTON with aliases: Harry Allerton, Harold Allderton; JESS DOYLE alias Jesse Doyle; EDNA MURRAY alias "Rabbit"; MYRTLE EATON with aliases: Sue Bond, Alice Martin, Ruth Martin, "Mert"; "WHITIE"; JOHN DOE; RICHARD RICE; DOLORES DELANEY with aliases: Mrs. E. M. Waggoner, Mrs. H. G. Waggoner, Mrs. L. O. Woods, Mrs. A. S. Green, Mrs. E. A. Caulley, Dolores Wagner, Mrs. E. N. Wagner - FUGITIVE. WYNONA EURETTE alias Mrs. G. F. Summers, - FUGITIVE; JOSEPH H. ADAMS alias Joe Adams; DUKE RANDALL with aliases: Henry Randall, Henry Sterns; NATHANIEL H. HELLER with aliases: Nathan Heller, Nat Heller, N. H. Heller; CASSIUS M. McDONALD with aliases: CASSIUS MICHAEL McDONALD, C.M. McDonald, C. McDonald, Cash McDonald, Kassius McDonald, E. G. McDonald.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.

1 Mimeographed copy to each Field Office.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Dolores Delaney, and Wynona Burdette, left Miami, Florida, on January 17, 1935, en route Atlantic City, N.J. Karpis and Delaney had been living in a residence in Miami from December 14, 1934, up to the time of their departure, this residence having been obtained through the assistance of Joe Adams, whom the investigation reveals as Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida, had aided others of the mob including William Harrison, Harry Sawyer, Fred Barker, Kate Barker, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, from approximately September 1st, 1934 to January 17, 1935, also having purchased license plates in Tennessee for Fred Barker. Adams had recommended these people to physicians and garages, as well as to other business people in Miami, Florida, and Havana, Cuba. He had kept for safe keeping money belonging to Alvin Karpis and on January 17, 1935, delivered \$1,000.00 of this money to Duke Randall, an employee of Adams, whom the investigation reveals also aided the members of this mob in purchasing an automobile, as well as other merchandize. Randall delivered this \$1,000.00 bill to Delaney and Burdette on January 17, 1935, after having recommended to Karpis a Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J. He also purchased railway tickets for the girls to Atlantic City, and they used his room from shortly after midnight on January 16, 1935, until about 9:00 A. M. on January 17, 1935, when they departed for Atlantic City, N. J. The investigation reveals that William Harrison, whom Joe Adams has known for approximately five years, Harry Sawyer and Cassius McDonald "steered" the Karpis-Barker mob into the El Comodoro Hotel. Investigation also reveals that Cassius McDonald made frequent trips from Miami Florida, to Havana, Cuba, in September, 1934, apparently for the purpose of exchanging the ransom money in this case. On one of these trips he was accompanied by William Harrison. Nathaniel Heller in

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Havana, Cuba, aided Alvin Karpis in renting a home in Cuba, as well as in purchasing an automobile and other articles. A Browning Automatic Rifle was recovered in Miami, from the possession of Rolfe, who had obtained it from Duke Randall, who in turn claims to have received it from Joe Adams, who admits that William Harrison left it at the El Comodoro Hotel in September, 1934. There was recovered from Joseph H. Adams a \$1,000.00 bill, which he claimed was left with him for safe keeping by Alvin Karpis in December, 1934, along with some other money. A Ford Coupe, belonging to Alvin Karpis, was recovered from Duke Randall, who also had possession of a Ford Sedan, belonging to Harry Campbell, which car was also recovered. Prosecution was authorized by the Assistant United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, complaints being filed against all subjects on various charges, non est returns being made against Delaney and Burdette. All were subsequently indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 7, 1935. All subjects had been taken into Federal custody, with the exception of Heller, who is being held by the Cuban authorities at Havana, Cuba, for deportation to Miami, Florida. Adams has been released on a \$10,000.00 bond. Duke Randall and Cassius McDonald are in custody of the United States Marshal at Miami, Fla., in default of bonds of \$10,000.00 and \$25,000.00 respectively. Adams and Randall deny knowing identities of members of the mob until January 16, 1935, when read newspaper accounts of the shooting at Oklawaha, Florida, when they assumed that Karpis, whom they knew under aliases, was also a member of the mob and was a fugitive, and at that time they were in possession of information indicating that Karpis had proceeded to Atlantic City, N. J., had informed no police

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS (CONTINUED)

authorities. Unable to secure any information in Miami, Florida, concerning the whereabouts of Harrison or Sawyer, although Harrison comparatively well known in Miami, where informants are endeavoring to secure information as to his whereabouts. Sawyer reported seen in Miami, early in January, driving a Packard Sedan.

DETAILS

The title in this case is being marked changed to include Delaney, Burdette, Adams, Randall, Heller and McDonald as subjects for the various reasons that are set out below, and also to incorporate the various aliases that were found for those subjects in this case.

The following is a joint report of Special Agents R. D. Brown, S. K. McKee, C. G. Campbell, R. L. Jones, of the Chicago Office, pertaining to their activities in Miami, Florida and vicinity, and of Special Agents L. J. Metcalf, L. B. Nichols, J. W. Going, P. C. Dunne, F. L. Stone and the writer of the Birmingham Office, pertaining also to their activities in Miami, Florida, and vicinity.

It might also be mentioned that since January 20, 1935, Special Agents S. K. McKee and R. D. Brown have engaged exclusively in an investigation of this case in Havana, Cuba, where they have secured certain data, which will be mentioned in this report, but a detailed report of which will be submitted by Special Agent R. D. Brown in the immediate future.



This investigation is based upon information received from the Director, who telephonically advised the writer on January 16, 1935, to proceed to Ocala, Florida, for the purpose of assisting the Agents of the Chicago Office, who at that time were engaged in a gun battle with members of the Barker-Karpis crowd.

Upon arrival in Jacksonville, Florida, Special Agent in Charge, R. A. Alt of the Jacksonville Office, advised that instructions had been received for the Agents from the Birmingham Office to proceed to Miami, Florida, where Special Agent R. D. Brown of the Chicago Office, and other Agents assigned to that Office had arrived for the purpose of checking on the Barker-Karpis crowd in Miami. Information at this time also having been received that Fred Barker and his mother, Kate Barker, had been mortally wounded at Oklawaha, Florida.

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Upon arrival in Miami, Florida, late on the night of January 16, 1935, it was learned from Special Agent R. D. Brown that Special Agents C. G. Campbell and S. K. McKee had registered at the El Commodore Hotel, which place is operated by Joe Adams, the Manager, and Mr. R. T. Knight, his father-in-law, who is the owner of the Hotel, Joe Adams having been reported as being the Miami, Florida, contact of the Barker-Karpis crowd.

Special Agent Brown also advised that he had learned that the Assistant Manager of the El Commodore was Mr. L. E. Gray, who Special Agent Brown knew as a former Hotel Man in North Carolina at a time when Special Agent Brown was assigned to the Charlotte Office. Because of this acquaintainship and because of the fact that at the time when Special Agent C. G. Campbell and C. O. Hurt had been on an undercover assignment at the El Commodore from November 18, 1934 to December 5th of last year at which time they had interviewed Mr. Gray, Special Agent Brown was of the opinion that he would be successful in securing the confidence of Mr. Gray for possible assistance in connection with this case.

Mr. Gray, who was interviewed at that time in the room of Special Agents McKee and Campbell, identified from the photographs of the Barker-Karpis crowd, the photograph of Harry Campbell, who, he stated, as Mr. G. F. Summers and wife had registered at the El Commodore Hotel on January 12, 1935, and remained there for two days. He was unable to furnish a description of the woman accompanying Summers. Gray also identified the photographs of Fred Barker, who as T. C. Blackburn had been a guest of the Hotel with Summers, and he identified the photograph of Kate Barker, as that of a woman who had used the name of Ryan,

and who had accompanied Fred Barker, who had used the name of T. C. Blackburn at the Hotel.

Mr. Gray was interviewed again on the night of January 16, 1935, and after considerable questioning stated that Alvin Karpis whose photograph he identified, had stayed at the El Comodoro Hotel, but had not been there recently.

Due to the fact that it was believed at this time that Mr. Gray would become a confidential informant for the Special Agents, he was not requested to produce the Hotel records at that time, nor were any other inquiries made of other Hotel employees.

Gray also advised that a woman answering the description of Dolores Delaney had been in the El Comodoro dining room alone on January 15, 1935, or on January 16, 1935. He stated that this woman appeared to be pregnant and that he had also noticed her in the dining room a few weeks prior to that time in the company of Mr. Nathaniel H. Heller, Proprietor of the Park View Hotel in Havana, Cuba. Gray also stated that he understood that this woman had left Miami in company with Heller going to Havana.

It might be mentioned that Mr. Gray has been employed at the El Comodoro Hotel since November 1st, 1934 in the capacity of an Assistant Manager.

It was expected by the Agents that Mr. Gray would furnish all information in his possession concerning the members of this crowd, and for this reason no further contacts were made at the Hotel.

Nightly meetings were had between Agent Brown and Mr. Gray from January 16, 1935, to the 19th, on which night, as will be explained below, information was received indicating that Karpis and Harry Campbell with Delaney and Burdette had left Miami.

It might also be mentioned that there appears below the result of a detailed interview with Mr. Gray subsequent to the escape of Karpis and Campbell at Atlantic City, N. J.

Upon the arrival of the Agents in Miami in addition to the attempted contact between Special Agent Brown and Mr. Gray of the El Comodoro Hotel, immediate efforts were made to ascertain if any other members of the Karpis-Barker mob were in Miami and vicinity. These inquiries consisted of checking every Hospital in Miami proper and in the various smaller resort towns surrounding it. This being

done for the purpose of attempting to locate Dolores Delaney, who it was known was pregnant and expecting a baby in the immediate future.

A check was also made of the various golf courses, since it was known that William Harrison is very fond of that game.

Inquiry was also made of the various transportation companies, especially at the terminal of the Pan-American Airways, whose ships fly to Havana, Cuba.

The detailed memoranda submitted by the Agents on this assignment concerning these various interviews, are not being incorporated in here, inasmuch as they were without success and contain nothing material to the investigation in this case.

It might also be mentioned that several informants, who were developed during the first few days of this investigation, were also contacted but they were unsuccessful in furnishing any information for which reason their names are not being incorporated in this report, nor the detailed memoranda of the Agents, but such memoranda are available in the file of the Jacksonville Office.

It should also be mentioned that for the first few days of this investigation Agents were stationed at the terminal of the Pan-American Airways and the Eastern Air Line terminal, to observe all passengers departing and arriving, but none of the subjects were identified as being amongst these passengers. Likewise Agents made similar observations at the steamship docks. Various employees at both the air line terminals and at the docks were contacted but were unable to identify the photographs of any of the subjects.

Agents also made observations at the Hialeah Race Track, the winter horse racing season now being open, as well as at various dog racing tracks in Miami and vicinity, and at gambling houses and saloons, but at none of these places were the Agents able to identify any of the subjects in this case.

There was found by Special Agent R. D. Brown in the summer house of Carson Bradford at Oklawaha, Florida, on January 16, 1935, immediately after the shooting there, a number of papers belonging to Carson Bradford, none of which are being mentioned in this report inasmuch as they appear to have no bearing whatever on this investigation. The papers, however, are being retained in the file in this case in the Jacksonville Office.

There was also found in this house the following papers, which are also being retained in the file in the Jacksonville Office, but which papers it is obvious are papers belonging to the Barker-Karpis crowd, and as will noted below numerous investigations were conducted in Miami and vicinity as the result of the finding of these papers, they are as follows:

1. Telegram, reading as follows, which was found in an envelope, bearing the address of T. C. Blackburn, c/o Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida:

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MIAMI FLO 345 P Dec 29 1934

T C BLACKBURN

CARE CARSON BRADFORD OKLAHAWA FLO

LIKE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY

CASH

406P"

2. 1934 Florida application for automobile registration, covering Ford Deluxe Coupe, Motor No. V13-1194246, in the name of G. F. Summers, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida.

3. Retail Buyers Order issued by the Dade Motor Company, Miami, Florida, 10-24-34, indicating \$741.00 had been paid by G. F. Summers, El Comodoro Hotel for Deluxe Coupe, with a rumble seat.

(NOTE: Subsequent investigation revealed that the above mentioned automobile is one that was purchased by Harry Campbell and subsequently wrecked by him at Bronson, Florida, and the car was turned in on the Ford Sedan purchased by Campbell at Gainesville, Florida, which car has been recovered at Miami, Fla.)

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4. Address on a plain sheet of white paper, of Mrs. G. M. Vosburg, 2357 Magnolia Avenue, Long Beach, California, who is known to be the sister of Kate Barker.
5. Undated receipt, no name of the firm given, indicating that oil had been changed on an automobile at a cost of \$3.00.
6. Empty envelope small size of the El Commodore Hotel, Miami, Florida, bearing a notation of telephone No. 2-7491, which is the telephone number of that Hotel.
7. Business card of the Orange Buick-Pontiac Company, 330 North Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida, bearing also the name of J. L. Cumbie, Sales Manager.
8. Envelope of the El Commodore Hotel which contained a business card of that Hotel, bearing the name of Joe H. Adams, Manager; also three statements, one dated October 27, 1934, indicating that Room 1004 had been occupied by Mrs. G. E. Ryan, from 10-20-34 to 10-27-34 cost \$21.00, with charge for railway tickets amounting to \$35.00, the total bill being \$56.00, which was paid on October 27, 1934, being receipted by G. Fahrion. The second statement, dated 10-27-34, was issued to Messrs. Summers and Blackburn for room 1005, from 10-2-34 to 10-27-34, at a cost of \$150.00, the statement also containing a charge of \$7.83 for laundry, \$1.05 for telegraph, and \$1.00 for valet service, the total amount of the bill being \$159.93. The third statement being dated 12-1-34, addressed to G. Summers and wife, indicating they occupied room 905 from 11-25-34 to 12-2-34, at a cost of \$42.00, and they were charged with telephone calls in the amount of \$2.25, the total bill being \$44.25. The envelope in which these statements were contained bears on the outside of it a notation as follows: "Messrs. Blackburn & Summers - \$159.93.  
Mrs. G. E. Ryan - 56.00  
Total \$215.93  
\$500.00  
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9. Envelope of G. Robert Love, Tailor & Clothier, 844 N. W. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, addressed to Mr. Blackburn, containing a statement dated 11-5-34, billing him for the making of 7 shirts at \$4.00 each, costing \$28.00, less a deposit of \$5.00, leaving a balance of \$23.00 which was marked Paid by the initials J. C.
10. A plain envelope, postmarked Miami, Fla, 11-24-34, addressed to Mr. & Mrs. Blackburn, Oklawaha, Florida, containing a letter dated 11-23-34, written by W. M. Johnson, 135 N. W. 9th Street, Miami, Florida, in which letter the writer thanked the Blackburns for the courtesies shown him while he was at their home, requesting that he be remembered to Mr. Summers, mentioning further that Mr. Adams had been away and had been ill, for which reason he had not sent the papers. (NOTE: As will be shown below Johnson was an employee of Fred Barker and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, being a negro bell boy at the El Comodoro Hotel, and the papers he referred to are the daily papers of which mention also will be made below.)
11. Rabies vaccination certificate, dated 11-12-34, issued by Dr. J. G. Cattlett, to Mrs. D. Wagner, for a male bull dog, named "Wimpy."
12. Circular advertisement of Hotel Parkview, Havana, Cuba, issued by Nathaniel H. Heller, Manager of the Hotel.
13. Blank check of the Broadway National Bank, Nashville, Tenn., as well as one of the Bank of Bay Biscayne, Miami, Florida, and a check book of the Miami Beach First National Bank. (NOTE: These checks no doubt are the property of Carson Bradford, the owner of the house at Oklawaha, inasmuch as the checks of the two Miami banks appear to be very old ones, having been issued sometime during the decade of 1920, and it is believed that the check on the Nashville Bank is also Bradford's, since he is originally from Nashville, Tenn., and came from a very wealthy family there. Investigation in Miami revealed that the two Miami banks are out of business.)

14. Certificate printed in Spanish and signed by Dr. J. G. Cattlett of Miami, Florida, concerning which Special Agent Brown is making an investigation in Havana, but which it was subsequently learned is a certificate indicating that Dr. Cattlett had examined a dog for rabies, enabling the owner of the dog to transport it into Cuba.

On the basis of the papers mentioned above the following investigations were conducted:

Mr. R. E. Johnson, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, 21 West Flagler Street, advised that the telegram sent from Miami, Florida, on December 29, 1934, addressed to T. C. Blackburn, care Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida, had been sent from the El Comodoro Hotel, and that no other name or address for the sender was available.

Mr. Johnson further advised that the telegram was filed at 3:45 P. M. with Georgia Patterson at the Branch Office of the Western Union Telegraph Company located at 262 West Flagler Street, where she is employed as a Clerk; further that she received the telegram from one of the messengers, named C. S. Gaskell, who resides at 220 N. W. 37 Street, he being the messenger who picked up this telegram at the El Comodoro Hotel.

Mr. R. E. Johnson stated that he has custody of the original telegrams and is the proper person to subpoena to produce it.

With reference to the Registration slip for a Deluxe Ford Coupe in the name of G. F. Summers, as well as the receipt for the purchase of such car, as mentioned above, inquiry at the Dade Motor Sales Company, 400 S. W. Second Avenue, resulted in learning that L. B. Southerland, was the salesman who sold this car. He advised that on October 24, 1934, two men, one of whom identified himself as G. F. Summers, residing at the El Comodoro Hotel, came to that Company asking if he could get an immediate delivery on a Black Ford V-8 Coupe; that he was advised that delivery could be made at once, whereupon he immediately purchased a Ford Coupe paying for it with seven \$100.00 bills, which he had in his pocket.

Southerland stated that he himself purchased the license plates for the car at the Court House in Miami, the plates being No. 202 807. Southerland further stated that there were only two men who came in at the time the car was purchased; that they had not been referred to him by any one so far as he knew, and that he had never seen the men before. He was unable to identify the photograph of



Campbell, nor was any one at the Dade Motor Sales able to do so, although the records at that Company indicate that Campbell had had the car serviced there on several occasions.

With reference to the envelope and statement of G. Robert Love, mentioned above, an interview with him revealed that he is a negro tailor with a shop located at 844 N. W. Second Avenue. He stated that Willie Johnson a bell boy at the El Commodore Hotel, a couple of months ago, asked him if he knew any one who could make some shirts for a man staying at the El Commodore Hotel. Love stated that his seamstress, Lucy Richardson could make shirts, whereupon Lucy Richardson, whose address is the same as that of Love, accompanied Willie Johnson to the El Commodore Hotel, where she was permitted to go to a room on the 10th Floor, where she took the measurement of a man who gave his name as Blackburn. Lucy Richardson verified this information saying she could describe this man only as being very short. She also stated that there was another man present in the room but she did not pay any particular attention to him. She was unable to identify any of the pictures of the Barker-Karpis gang. She also stated that it took her about a week to make the shirts and Willie Johnson called for them paying for them at the same time, and the bill of Love's was receipted for by James Chandler, who is a friend of Love's. Chandler resides at 1420 S. W. 8th Street and he verified the above account.

With reference to the letter from W. M. Johnson found in Barker's house, immediately upon receipt of this letter, an inquiry was made in the vicinity of 135 N. W. 9th Street, where it was observed that that address is occupied by a house bearing a sign of Transient Rooms.

From J. M. Driggers it was learned that this house is located in a negro district that is restricted to colored people, and no white people whatever are permitted in the neighborhood. There is set out below an interview with W. M. Johnson.

With reference to the rabies certificate signed by Dr. J. G. Cattlett, as well as the certificate written in Spanish, and signed by him, the exact significance of the document in Spanish not being known, an appropriate survey was made of Dr. Cattlett's Veterinarian Hospital located at 2418 North Miami Avenue, to determine if any automobiles belonging to the gang were in that vicinity. None

were noticed whereupon Dr. Cattlett was interviewed and he stated that while he was not certain that he believes that the rabies certificate that he had issued and which was mentioned above, was given by him to an elderly lady, possibly sixty years old, who brought a dog to his Hospital, for the purpose of having it examined, and for the purpose of getting a certificate enabling her to carry the dog into Cuba. Dr. Cattlett was unable to identify any of the pictures of the Barker-Karpis mob, but stated that the photograph of Kate Barker looked somewhat familiar, and that it was probably she who had brought the dog to the hospital for examination.

On the evening of January 19, 1935, information was secured from Former Special Agent Roger L. Main that Detectives H. G. Howard and W. W. Shannahan of the Miami Police Department had communicated with him, advising that they had some information that perhaps would be of assistance in connection with the Barker-Karpis investigation.

Upon contacting these two detectives they advised that on January 19, 1935, in the afternoon a telephone call had been received from a Mrs. Thomas, 1121 N. E. 85th Street, to the effect that a couple to whom she had rented her home for the season had moved out very mysteriously on January 16, 1935 about 5:00 P. M.

The investigation report submitted by these Officers indicated that the lady of the house, who had used the name of Mrs. A. S. Green was a young woman in her early twenty's and that she was in a pregnant condition; further that Mr. Green who drove a Buick Sedan, always carried a large leather pocket book containing a .45 automatic pistol and that when he went out in the automobile he carried a high powered rifle. The detectives also had in their possession the following papers found at 1121 N. E. 85th Street:

1. Instructions for the care of gonorrhea by Dr. John E. Hall, 909 Huntington Bldg., Miami, Florida.
2. Invoice No. 89568 of the Electrical Equipment Company, 42 N. W. 4th Street, Miami, Florida, dated 12-31-34.
3. Business card of the Southern Laundry, Inc. P. W. Sibre Sales Representative.
4. Receipt No. 7880 Ungar Buick Company, Miami, Florida, dated 12-31-34, addressed to Mr. Morrison, Alcazar Hotel, covering general inspection and lubrication of car, as well as repair of tire and wash for an automobile bearing license plate D5306, Model 34-48, the total charges

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being \$4.55.

5. Inspection and Repair Order, No. 8893, of the Ungar Buick Company, dated 12-31-34, covering the same as the receipt above.
6. A slip of plain white paper bearing the address of 1121 N. E. 85th Street.
7. A slip of paper bearing the address of E. C. Matteson, 8295 N. Miami Court, on the reverse side of which appears Edgewater 1607 XM. (NOTE: In connection with the name of E. C. Matteson, an appropriate survey was made of this address, believing that Matteson was possibly a contact of the Gang. Finally he was interviewed, which resulted in learning that Mr. Matteson is a painter and decorator and that he had done work at the address of 1121 N. E. 85th Street, in the Fall of 1934. The detailed results of this investigation concerning Matteson are not incorporated in this report but are contained in memoranda placed in the Jacksonville file. It might also be mentioned that the telephone No. 1607 XM is the telephone no. of the house in which Karpis resided at 1121 N. E. 85th Street.
8. Snapshot of a man taken along with a shark on some Beach. (NOTE: The photograph of this individual cannot be positively identified but it is believed that it might possibly be a photograph of Karpis.
9. An envelope postmarked Habana, Cuba, 12-15-34, bearing no return address, but addressed to Mr. R. R. Brown, Hotel El Comodoro, Miami, Florida. This envelope, as well as the letter in it, which is dated 12-14-34, were typewritten, and reads as follows:

"December 14, 1934.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Just a few lines to let you know that things here look fairly good. I expect the races to open some time around the end of the month but there is some uncertainty about it.

"The man you introduced me to I think his name was Mr. King inquired for me several times while I was down in the country. However, I saw him when I got back and he did not have anything to say. His company called him back within the next day or two after he spoke to me. His company is sending quite a number of representatives down.

Trusting that you are well with Kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours V

(Unsigned)

P. S. Expect to run down to the country very soon"

The original of this letter is now in the possession of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Havana, Cuba, and he has advised that the typewriting appears to be similar to that of a typewriter located in the Office of Nathaniel H. Heller, the Manager of the Parkview Hotel. (NOTE: It might also be mentioned that a check of the register at the El Comodoro Hotel failed to reveal that a R. R. Brown was registered at that Hotel on or about December 15, 1934.

The above mentioned detectives also found in the house several whiskey bottles, only one of which was found to have any fingerprints, that appeared to be of value. A latent fingerprint was found on this bottle by Officer J. O. Barker of the Miami Police Department Identification Bureau, who photographed the bottle, and it was forwarded to the Laboratory of the Division, which has advised that it is a latent fingerprint of Wynona Burdette. The negative of the photograph of this print as taken by Mr. Barker is being secured and will be forwarded to the Division for an enlargement in order that appropriate evidence may be prepared for the trial in this case.

The Officers also found a set of Iowa license plates for the year 1934, No. 97-13533, which plates were received from them and have been delivered to the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida. The Omaha Office is being requested by letter to trace these license plates.

The detectives further advised that they had ascertained at the Ungar Buick Company in Miami, Florida, that a two door sedan, Buick, black in color, bearing a trunk, which car carried Motor No. 4949155, serial No. 2783525, also bearing 1935 Florida license plate D 5306, had been sold to Leroy Morrison, Alcazar Hotel, Miami, Florida; further that Morrison in purchasing the car gave his address as 444 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Officers advised that the Police Department had sent a telegram to Buffalo, N. Y. making inquiry of the Police Department there as to the identity of Morrison, and in reply had received a telegram in effect that Morrison operated a Women's Apparel Shop, and denied buying an automobile in Miami, Florida, also that he knew no one named Leroy Morrison. (NOTE: This has been verified by an investigation conducted by the Buffalo Office.)

The detectives also advised that they had learned that a Miss Terese Carmichael of Kendall, Florida, had been employed as a maid by the couple at 1121 N. E. 85th Street.

The Officers stated that they had interviewed this woman, securing a description of the Mr. Green who had rented the house, as well as Mrs. Green, both of which descriptions correspond with those of Karpis and Delaney; further that they had learned from this maid that on Sunday night, January 13, 1935, another couple, whose descriptions correspond with those of Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, had stopped at the residence at 1121 N. E. 85th Street, and remained until Wednesday, January 16, 1935, when they likewise disappeared with the Greens.

The detectives further advised that while they were conducting an investigation at 1121 N. E. 85th Street, a Dr. Nichols telephoned that address, at which time he informed the maid, Miss Carmichael, that he was the Doctor who had been treating Mrs. Green, and that he was calling to inquire about her condition.

Immediately upon receipt of the above information from the detectives Dr. F. O. Nichols, 37 N. W. 1st Street, was contacted and it was learned from him that he had been treating a Mrs. Green, residing at 1121 N. E. 85th Street. A complete interview with the Doctor is being set out below but at the time of this interview the Doctor advised that he had first treated this woman on December 8, 1934, when he had been called to the El Comodoro Hotel; that at that

time she gave her name as his records indicate as L. O. Woods; that subsequently she called at his Office at intervals, when he learned that she had moved to 1121 N. E. 85th Street, her telephone number being 1607-M.

The Doctor also stated that on one occasion he telephoned this patient's telephone number and when he inquired for Mrs. Woods, he was told that there was no Mrs. Woods there, but that the Greens resided at that address. He described this woman in such a manner that she fitted the known description of Dolores Delaney; and he further stated that on one occasion when he called at the El Comodoro Hotel to treat her he got a glimpse of her husband and he identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as that individual. Dr. Nichols further stated that judging from the information as given to him by this patient, he expected that her baby would be born between January 15th and 20th, stating that in his opinion at the time of this interview on January 19, 1935, that the baby was due at any time.

Immediately upon receipt of the above information from the City Detectives at Miami, and from Dr. Nichols, it was referred telephonically to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, who was at that time located at Ocala, and Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt in Jacksonville, both of whom agreed that the information should be broadcast over the radio and that the Agents assigned at Miami should make a survey of the East and West Coasts of Florida for the purpose of attempting to locate Dolores Delaney in a Hospital in that vicinity.

Mr. Tamm of the Division was advised of this as well as of the fact that Mr. Connelley believed that the information should be broadcast. Mr. Tamm advised that all Offices East of the Mississippi River would be furnished with the above information.

Mrs. Grace Thomas, 1121 N. E. 85th Street, as well as her husband advised that on December 12, 1934 she entered into a lease with a Mrs. S. A. Green for the rental of her home, located at that address at a cost of \$750; that the Greens had been referred to them by Mr. Joe Adams; further that Joe Adams had paid the rent on the house, giving Mr. Thomas the sum of \$750.00, which they recalled was in denominations of \$5.00 and \$20.00 bills.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who gave complete statements as are set out below, advised that they did not believe that they had any of this money in their possession, stating that inasmuch as they were greyhound people, they had exchanged the money in betting at the greyhound tracks. However, they had in their possession several hundred dollars in currency which they permitted the Agents to check, none of which was found to be ransom money, for which reason the numbers of the notes are not being set out, but are being retained in the file in memorandum form.

They also advised that they had made a thorough examination of the house after the departure of the people whom they knew as Greens, and that the only property they could find that belonged to the Greens was the following:

- 1. Pair brown trousers
- 1 3 piece gray, hard weave suit
- 1 box containing 22 cal. ammunition
- 1 scrap book with miscellaneous papers
- 1 copy of the Detective Tabloid.

This property was obtained from Mrs. Thomas, who was given a receipt for it, and which property has been delivered to the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, with a letter.

Mrs. Thomas also furnished Agents with the original as well as a carbon copy of the lease that she had entered into with Mrs. S. A. Green, the original of which lease is being forwarded to the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, by letter and the carbon copy is being retained in the Jacksonville file.

The following is a signed statement that was signed by Mrs. Grace Thomas, whose present address is 500 N. W. 23rd Court, Miami, Florida, the original of which statement is being retained temporarily in the files of the Jacksonville Office:



## STATEMENT OF MRS. GRACE THOMAS:

"Miami, Fla.  
Jan. 22, 1935

I, Mrs. Grace Thomas, make the following statement to Special Agents, L. J. Metcalf and P. C. Dunne, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

Before the winter season began my husband and I decided that if we could find suitable tenants that we would rent our home for the winter season.

The latter part of October 1934 or the first of Nov. my husband and I came to Miami, Fla. from California, where we had been since spring. Shortly after we arrived my husband told me that he had spoke to Joe Adams and told him of our desire to rent our home to a reputable couple for the season.

Sometime in November Mr. Knight came to our home and stated that he understood the house was for rent. I showed Mr. Knight through the house and he seemed pleased with it. Knight gave the impression that he was interested in renting a house for someone who was a member of his family but who was out of town; I'm not sure but it is my belief that Mr. Knight came to the house on two or three occasions.

Shortly after Mr. Knight had made his visits, a Mr. S. A. Green came to the house and explained that he understood that the house was for rent and asked to be shown through. I showed Green through the house and he appeared to be pleased with it but left undecided; during this visit Green explained that he wanted a quiet location and added that his wife was expecting a baby. Green made another visit or two to the house and on the last visit told me that he was sure that he & his wife would take the house and that he would return with his wife.

Several days before I completed negotiations with Mrs. Green for the leasing of the house, she & her husband came to the house. While Mrs. Green and I discussed the renting of the house, he walked down to the bay and did not appear interested. When the Greens left they stated that they wanted the house and would like to get possession as soon as possible, but they paid no money then.

A day or so later my husband gave me \$750.00, a great deal of which was in fives and tens; I believe I asked my husband that he see about the rent but I don't recall whether he told me at the time from whom he received the rent money.

Statement of Mrs. Grace Thomas, Cont'd:

The day Mrs. Green moved in, she and I signed a lease which my husband had had drawn up. A couple of days later Mrs. Green and I went to the bank and had our signatures on the lease notarized at the bank in Little River (Little River is a section of N. E. Miami, Fla.)

The physical descriptions of Mr. & Mrs. Green are as follows:-

| <u>Mrs. Green</u> |                        | <u>Mr. Green</u> |                           |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Name              | - Mrs. S. A. Green     | Name             | - Mr. Green               |
| Age               | - 20 - 22 years        | Age              | - 25 years                |
| Height            | - 5' 2 or 3"           | Height           | - 5' 10"                  |
| Weight            | - 105 lbs.             | Weight           | - 140 lbs.                |
| Build             | - Medium               | Build            | - Slender                 |
| Hair              | - Brown, medium & wavy | Hair             | - Brown                   |
| Eyes              | - Can't say            | Eyes             | - Can't say, wore glasses |
| Complexion        | - Fair                 | Complexion       | - Tanned.                 |

During the time the Greens were in the house I came over to the house & cared for the lawn. Mrs. Green was always cordial & treated me nicely during my visits; during my visits I only saw Mr. Green one time. I never saw any of the Greens' visitors.

When Special Agent J. H. Hanson displayed photographs I immediately identified that of Alvin Karpis as that of the Mr. Green who rented our home.

On the afternoon of January 17, 1935 my husband and I drove by the house and looked for mail. Terese Carmichael, the maid employed by the Greens, explained that the Greens had left the day before along with another couple, names unknown, who had been staying with the Greens since the previous Sunday.

Miss Carmichael called me on January 19, 1935 and stated that the Greens had not yet returned. On Saturday, January 20, 1935, we moved back into the house; on the same date we called the police and explained all the facts about the Greens, their renting the house, their departure, etc.

Statement of Mrs. Grace Thomas, Cont'd:

When the Greens departed they left behind some men's & Women's wearing apparel, also a baby's crib & bath tub, and a fishing rod & reel. No guns were left behind although Mr. Green one time showed an automatic pistol and I also saw a rifle when he returned from a hunting trip.

Signed:-

Witnesses:-

L. J. Metcalf & P. C. Dunne  
Special Agents,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dep't. of Justice"

Mrs. Grace Thomas  
1121 N. E. 85th St.  
Miami,  
Fla.

(NOTE: The statement of Mr. L. W. Thomas has been omitted from the mimeographed copy of this report.)

Nothing was found in the house that might of interest in locating the subjects who are still fugitives in this case, with the exception of an advertisement of Dr. Von Borries, Room 707, Butler Bldg., 162 N. State Street, Telephone - Dearborn 0678, which advertisement referred to Plastic Surgery, and while the City in which this Doctor is located was not mentioned, it is believed that it is Chicago, Ill.

Miss Terese Carmichael, the former maid of Karpis while in Miami, who resides at Kendall, Florida, furnished the following signed statement:

## STATEMENT OF TERESE CARMICHAEL:

Miami, Fla.  
January 21, 1935

I, Terese Carmichael, make the following statement to Special Agents, R. L. Jones, and L. J. Metcalf, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice and City Detectives H. G. Howard and Wm. W. Shannahan of the Miami, Fla., Police Dept.

I am 28 years of age and live with my parents, Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Carmichael at Kendall, Fla. My occupation is that of a practical nurse, when employed.

I received employment through the Hampton Employment Agency, Miami, Fla. on December 18, 1934; at this time I went to work for a Mrs. Green, initials unknown, who lived at 1121 - N.E. 85th St. Miami, Fla.

My work at Mrs. Green's consisted of helping with the cooking and doing the housecleaning; I lived with the Greens while working for them.

Mrs. Green was nice and treated me fairly but she was in no way intimate with me and instructed me that she did not appreciate people prying into her affairs. At one time Mrs. Green stated to me that she did not care for Mrs. Thomas, her lessor, because she was too inquisitive.

I worked for the Greens about one month; during the time I was there only one woman and two or three men came to the house, that is of course to my own knowledge and except Mrs. Thomas who came to the house on several occasions. I never received a very good look at any of the visitors.

Mrs. Green's physical description to the best of my knowledge is as follows:

|            |                                     |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name       | - Mrs. Green                        |
| Age        | - 22 or 23 years or perhaps younger |
| Height     | - 5' 2"                             |
| Weight     | - 110 or 115 lbs.                   |
| Build      | - Medium                            |
| Hair       | - Dark Brown, wavy                  |
| Eyes       | - Brown                             |
| Complexion | - Dark                              |
|            | Attractive.                         |

Statement of Terese Carmichael:

Mr. Green's description is as follows:

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Name          | - Mr. Green   |
| Age           | - About 25 or more  |
| Height        | - 5' 10 or 11"  |
| Weight        | - 140 lbs.  |
| Build         | - Slender   |
| Hair          | - Light brown - more blonde than brown                            |
| Eyes          | - Grey or blue, light colored                                     |
| Complexion    | - Fair  |
| Peculiarities | - Pleasant disposition, didn't appear worried; never talked much. |

While working for the Green's no mail came to the house; sometimes when their friends came, the Greens would drink beer, whiskey, & wine, but no one ever seemed to drink too much.

Mr. Green had an automatic pistol and also a rifle which was kept in the corner of the room; the automatic was kept in a leather case. One time Mr. Green told me that he used to be in the whiskey business but that there was no money to be made in that any more; he stated further that he had some concessions in Cuba.

After examining the photographs displayed to me by agents it is my opion that those of Alvin Karpis and Wynona Burdette resemble Mr. Green and a woman who stayed at the Green home for several days before the Greens left. I do not recognize the picture of Harry Campbell as that of the husband of the woman who stayed with the Greens before they left.

No one at the Greens called another person by names: Mr. & Mrs. Green called each other "Honey".

On Sunday January 13, 1935 a black haired slender woman and a short stocky-built man, with light eyes, came to the Green home; this couple remained at the Green home until Wednesday January 16, 1935.

While planning the evening meal, with Mrs. Green and the woman who was visiting, on January 16, 1935 the phone rang. This phone call came at about 5:00 P. M. and Mrs. Green talked just a very short time and then immediately started to pack and the other woman backed the Green's car out into the drive. It is my opinion that it was not over 15 or 20 minutes from the time Mrs. Green got the phone call that the she and the other woman left.

## Statement of Terese Carmichael:

Mrs. Green was very excited after receiving the phone call and before leaving she stated to me that she had to take the other woman someplace and then later stated that she had received a message calling her home. Mrs. Green never stated to me where her home was.

The Green's car was a new, black, four door Buick automobile.

The description of the couple who came to the Greens home on January 13, 1935 is as follows:

| <u>Woman</u> |                  | <u>Man</u> |                       |
|--------------|------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Name         | - Unknown        | Name       | - Unknown             |
| Age          | - About 25 years | Age        | - 30 -35              |
| Height       | - 5'5"           | Height     | - 5'8"                |
| Weight       | - 110 lbs.       | Weight     | - 165 lbs.            |
| Build        | - Slender        | Build      | - Stout               |
| Hair         | - Black          | Hair       | - Doesn't recall      |
| Eyes         | - Dark           | Eyes       | - Grey or blue, light |
| Complexion   | - Dark           | Complexion | - Light               |

On January 13, 1935, Mr. Green & the man visiting him left the house about noon and I've never seen them since; Mr. Green had his rifle with him and I thought the two of them were going hunting as they had gone fishing the day before.

Mrs. Green stated, when she left, that she would return or wire me. Mrs. Green paid me \$10.00 before leaving making \$13.00 which I received, during the time I was employed by her.

I stayed at the Green residence from the time they left until the night of January 18, 1935 when I came home. On the morning of January 19, 1935 I returned to the Green residence but found no one home.

I talked with Mrs. Thomas on January 19, 1935 and told her that the Greens had not returned; Mrs. Thomas told me that she did not believe the Greens would return as she thought that they were involved with the gang which was in the shooting which was related in the Miami papers. Mrs. Thomas showed me the papers, picture of the man who was, killed, etc. At this time Mrs. Thomas told me that she had rented the house to the Green's through a man named Adams; she stated further that Mr. Green would sign no papers or lease and that this made her suspicious.

## Statement of Terese Carmichael:

Mr. Thomas paid me \$39.00 which was the balance due me for my months salary.

I never saw Mr. or Mrs. Green display large amounts of money, however I do know that Mrs. Green spent money freely.

When I left the Green house on Saturday January 19, 1935, the following articles of the Greens were there:

- 1 Dark suit
- 1 Dark suit - coat & vest
- 1 Linen suit
- 1 Light pair trousers
- 1 Pair men' shoes
- 3 Pairs ladies shoes
- 2 Pair womens bed-room slippers
- 2 Men's sweat shirts with zipper
- also some laundry & several women's dresses.

I am sure that should I be shown a picture of Mrs. Green I would be able to make an identification of same.

Signed:-

Witnesses:-

Terese Carmichael  
Kendal Fla.

H. G. Howard, Detective  
Police Dept. Miami, Fla.  
L. J. Metcalf, Special Agent  
Div. of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice"



Dr. John E. Hall, Huntington Bldg., whom it had been determined had treated Karpis, furnished the following signed statement:

STATEMENT OF DR. JOHN E. HALL:

Miami, Fla.  
January 23, 1935

I, Dr. John E. Hall make the following statement to L. J. Metcalf & P. C. Dunne Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

About one month ago a man giving the name of E. M. Green came to my office for treatment. I treated this man for gonorrhea infection. It is my opinion that this infection was a recurrence of an old infection.

Joe Adams, whom I've known for twenty years, referred Green to me; Green told me that Adams had referred him to me and that if it was all right with me, he would pay me at the completion of the treatment.

About one week ago to-day Green came to my office for treatment, this was the last time I saw him; he at present owes me about \$110.00. The day before I last saw Green, he went fishing in the everglades & brought me a mackeral.

Green was a courteous unassuming fellow and on several occasions asked me to go to Cuba with him. He stated that he had a Buick Sedan and home in Cuba; the home was located in Viboro which is a suburb of Havana near Marianao. I would have gone with him if it had not been my busy season.

In certain circles it is said that Adams is connected with the underworld and gambling activities.

I recognize the photos shown to me by agents as that of Alvin Karpis, known as E. M. Green to me, and Harry Campbell as the man who accompanied him to my office on several occasions.

Green generally had a great deal of money with him and on several times engaged in a friendly dice game with other doctors in the building.

Green generally wore glasses when he came for treatment.

Green's infection is a chronic urethritis and he'll need treatment for this condition; I treated him daily.

Statement of Dr. John E. Hall, Cont'd:

One time Green called Adams from my office and told Adams and me that he had to go to Ocala, Fla. on business.

Signed:-

John E. Hall

Witnesses: -

L. J. Metcalf & P. C. Dunne  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Jacksonville, Fla."

The following made signed statements contain nothing of value and therefore are omitted from mimeograph copies of this report:

Miss Iva Mai Dunlap, 909 Huntington Building  
Dr. A. Hampton, 719 Florida National Bank Building  
Dr. F. O. Nichols, 37 N. W. 1st Street - physician who treated Dolores Delaney.

Mr. E. L. Middleton, Owner and Manager of the Jewelcraft Jewelry Store, 106 E. Flagler Street, advised that a small dark complexioned woman, who appeared to be pregnant purchased a 17 jewel Hamilton watch on 12-5-34; that the woman gave the name of Mrs. E. A. Caulley. The movement number of the Watch 3117019, and the case No. 896225; that on 12-7-34, this same woman purchased a watch chain to go with the watch; further that so far as he recalled she was not referred to him by any one, and was unaccompanied at the time of the purchase.

When conducting the investigation at the Thomas' residence, the place formerly occupied by Karpis, at 1121 N. E. 85th Street, it was learned that Karpis and Dolores Delaney had abandoned a baby scale, a baby bath and a kiddie coop. The United States Attorney was advised of this but stated that he was not interested in this property whatever.

However, it was noticed that these articles had been purchased at Burdine's Department Store, for which reason inquiry was made of Miss Geneva Hope, nurse and sales lady at that Store, who stated that she distinctly recalled having sold to Mrs. S. A. Green the above described articles; that the sales were made in early December, 1934, and all on different occasions; that the purchaser was a small dark complexioned woman, who always shopped alone.

A check of the Credit Department of this store indicated that there was no account for a Mrs. S. A. Green, or for a Green registered at the El Comodoro Hotel, or at 1121 N. E. 85th Street.

At the Ungar Buick Company, 1201 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, where it had been determined that Karpis had purchased a Buick two door sedan, in which he had made his escape, inquiry was made and statements, which have been omitted from mimeograph copies of this report, were obtained from the following:

Mr. M. S. Altmeyer, c/o Ungar Buick Company  
Mr. Miller V. Bishop, c/o Ungar Buick Company  
Mr. A. A. Ungar, pres., Ungar Buick Company.

Numerous other employees at the Ungar Buick Company were contacted but no information of value was obtained from them, except that it was learned that the Ungar people had in their possession a Florida Certificate of Title, dated January 1, 1935, Application No. 377514, Certificate No. 959114, for a Buick Coupe (Official Buick name for this particular automobile is Coupe rather than two door sedan), with steel wheels, Motor No. 42949155, Model 35-48, 8 Cyls. Serial No. 2783525, showing the title of this automobile to be in the name of Leroy Morrison, 1201 N. E. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida.

It should be explained that due to the fact that the purchaser of this automobile, who has been identified as Duke Randall, refused to furnish a local address in Miami, the title was mailed to the Office of the Ungar people and was never called for. The attention of the Philadelphia Office is invited to the fact that this certificate of title is in possession of the Jacksonville Office.

Duke Randall, who advised that his correct name is Henry Sterns but who claims that he is more generally known by the name of Duke Randall, which is his stock name, or by the name of Henry Randall, was located on January 21, 1935, at his room in the Tamiami Hotel. At that time Randall stated that he would voluntarily accompany Special Agents R. L. Jones and J. H. Hanson to the Alcazar Hotel for questioning, further stating that the Agents were at liberty to examine any of his personal property, taking therefrom anything that they thought would be of value to them.

The following papers and personal property was located in Randall's room, No. 517 at the Tamiami Hotel, at the time he was located there:

1. 6 letters from Joe Adams to Duke Randall, also one post card, forwarded to Randall over the period of May 18, to December 26, 1934. These letters are of a personal nature and it is not believed that they warrant copying into this report for the reason that they pertain to Adams thanking Randall for his assistance at the time when Adams was in Newark N. J. in April and May of 1934, and also in these letters Adams informs Randall that if the latter should come to Miami, Florida, he would assist him in securing a position.

However, the letters do indicate that there was more or less of a close relationship between Adams and Randall, for which reason they are being retained in the file in the Jacksonville Office, and will be available for the United States Attorney at Miami, should he desire to use them.

2. Wedding announcement of Joe Adams, which was mailed at Oklawaha, Florida, on June 29, 1934, to Duke Randall at Newark, N. J.
3. Statement of the El Comodoro Hotel, dated 12-10-34, addressed to Duke Randall, indicating that there was due the Hotel \$122.35 for room and cafe service for the period from 11-11-34 to 12-10-34.
4. Letter dated 12-26-34, written by Pat Browning, Auditor of the El Comodoro Hotel, addressed to Duke Randall, dunning Randall for a balance of \$134.89, which was reported to be past due.
5. Receipt of the Sutton Jewelry Company, dated 12-22-34, indicating that there had been sold to Joe Adams, two bar pins at a cost of \$260.00.
6. Receipt of the Ungar Buick Company, 1201 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, No. 4356, dated 12-22-34, indicating that there had been sold to Leroy Morrison, 1201 N. E. 2nd Ave. Miami, Florida, by salesman Bishop One Model 1935-48, Buick Coupe, which car has been previously described above, indicating further that the car cost \$1080.00, and that a bill was also made for license plates at a cost of \$16.50, total charge \$1096.50, which was paid for by "Cash on Delivery".
7. 1935 Florida automobile registration card, indicating that Florida Tag No. 38656 had been issued to Duke Randall at the El Comodoro Hotel, on January 14, 1935, for a Ford Coupe, bearing Motor No. 18-1037480, the title certificate number being 950615-A.

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8. Florida Certificate of Title No. 950615-A, Application No. 53671, dated at Tallahassee, Florida, November 20th, 1934, indicating that Ford Coupe, Motor No. 18-1037480, Wire Wheels, 8 Cyls, having no liens against it, had been issued to Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida. (NOTE: Assistant United States Attorney, W. Sanders Gramling at Miami, Florida upon requesting the Honorable Halsted Ritter, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, to sign an order confiscating this car for the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, as against all persons excepting the true owner, who it was known, was Alvin Karpis, a fugitive, Judge Ritter advised that he knew no Statute or legal precedent for so doing. Further that the possessor had rights against everyone excepting the owner, for which reason the Judge thought that the Government could use this car without any damages. At the suggestion of Mr. Gramling, the Assistant United States Attorney, Duke Randall transferred the certificate of title for this car on January 31, 1935 to the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. The certificate of title is now in possession of the Jacksonville Office.
9. One Special Police Officer's card, issued by the City of Miami, Department of Public Safety, on January 9, 1935, to Henry Randall, employed by the Rolfe Armored Truck Service, Inc., which card authorized Randall to carry a gun for a period of 90 days. This card is No. 1448.
10. A Deputy Police Commissioned card, dated 12-1-34, issued to Duke Randall by the Clerk of Miami Shores Village.
11. Business card of the El Comodoro Hotel, bearing the name of Joe H. Adams, Manager.

12. Occupational License Tax Certificate issued by the State Racing Commission, for the State of Florida, No. 11229, certifying that Duke Randall of the El Comodore Hotel, had paid a fee of \$10.25, and was authorized to work as an Armed Guard at the Mutuel windows at the race tracks in the State of Florida.
13. Special Police Officers Badge for an Armored Truck Driver, also marked, Miami, Florida.
14. Card of Miller V. Bishop of the Ungar Buick Company.

There was also found in Randall's room a .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol, Serial No. C-112311, with two clips loaded and a shoulder holster, which property Randall claimed was the property of the Rolfe Armored Service, by whom he was employed as a guard at the Biscayne Kennel Club, which fact was verified by Mr. Merle Rolfe of that Company. This gun was transmitted to the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, with the other evidence in this case.

Randall who was interviewed on several occasions due to additional information that was received from time to time during this investigation, furnished the following signed statements:



STATEMENT OF HENRY RANDALL:

"Miami, Florida,  
Jan. 21, 1935.

I, Henry Randall, made the following free and voluntary statement to J H Hanson and R. L. Jones, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, knowing that I need not make a statement and that what I say can be used against me in Court.

About April 15, 1934, I became acquainted with Joe H Adams at Newark, N. J. I met him thru a Mr. Ariel who is a clerk at the Douglas Hotel in Newark and who lived at the Grant Hotel in Newark where I also lived at that time. Ariel told me if I came by the Douglas Hotel, he perhaps would have a job for me. When I went thru about April 15, 1934, Ariel introduced me to Joe H. Adams and J D Passmor who he described as Dog Track Men from Miami, Fla. There was a third man in their party whose name I do not recall for certain altho I know his first name is Charlie and I believe his last name is Sandler or Chandler. He is also from Miami.

Joe Adams offered me a job as a chauffeur to drive his 1933 Lincoln Sedan at a salary of \$30.00 per week. I worked for him for about a month in this capacity. During this time, I drove all three of these men to various places in Newark and vicinity. I gathered from their conversation and what they told me that they were in Newark to promote a race track. I drove these people to many places in Newark and vicinity. I don't know who they contacted except Fred Sholl, Pres. of the New Jersey Building Trades Union State Council, at Newark. I understood from what these men said and told me that thru Sholl, they expected to get the favoritism of "Longie" Zwillman of Newark who is reported to control the gambling in New Jersey. Zwillman is the leader of what is known as the "Third Ward Mob" which organization operates the dog tracks in New Jersey, as well as the slot machines and the "number" racket. I also know that Joe Adams contacted Col. Baumgardner at West Orange, N. J. in connection with establishing a dog track at West Orange. On another occasion I drove Adams and the other two men to a town on Long Island, where this group spent about 4 or 5 hours visiting a man who Adams later told me was a member of the President's "Brain Trust". I believe this man lived at Fort Washington, Long Island.

• After I worked for Adams for a month, he told me that he and the party were returning to Miami as it was a waste of time to try to get a racing concession in New Jersey. During the time I worked for Adams, I got very friendly with him as did my pal, Gregory I. Codomo, of Newark. When Adams left he told Codomo and me that if we ever came to Miami, he'd help us get jobs. Adams wrote me a letter when enroute from Newark to Miami after which we corresponded infrequently.

Statement of Henry Randall, Cont'd:

In the fall of 1934, I wrote Adams telling him that Codomo and I were out of work and that we'd like to spend the winter in Miami if he could help us get work. He wrote me that he could help us when the Dog Racing Season started and that if we came before that time he would see that we got enough money to furnish us with spending money and that he would take care of our room and board until we got steady work.

In accordance with Adams promises and thinking that he was a very wealthy man, Codomo and I drove to Miami from Newark in the latter part of Oct. 1934. We drove in Codomo's 1931 Ford Coupe. When we arrived in Miami we spent the first night at a small hotel where Codomo's sweetheart was stopping. The next day we called on Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, of which place we had been told by him, he was the manager. He told us to move in the Hotel and that we could stay there until the dog races started on Dec. 1st when we could live in one of the Huts at the Biscayne Kennel Club.

In accordance with this offer of Adams' we moved into the El Comodoro Hotel and were assigned room #1102. About 2 or 3 weeks after we moved into this hotel, I noticed 2 men and an old lady in the lobby. I saw these people frequently in the lobby on and off from that time until a week or two before Xmas. I have identified the picture of a woman who I have been told was Kate Barker as this woman. The man who was with her and who I understood was her son was called "Shorty" by the second man who was in that party. I have identified the photograph of a man who I have been told was Fred Barker as the man who was called "Shorty". The photograph of the man who I have been told is Harry Campbell is that of the second man in this party. I don't know what rooms these people occupied in the Hotel. However, I frequently saw Joe Adams talking to these people in the lobby of the Hotel. I never saw him talking to all three at the same time but I have seen him talk to two of them at one time. They never seemed to be talking confidentially but were sitting in the lobby as with other guests. I never saw Bob Knight who is Adams' father-in-law and who I understand owns the El Comodoro talking to these people, nor did I ever see the other members of the staff talk to them except in a casual manner.

• These three people walked around the lobby of the Hotel in a very carefree manner and I did not recognize them as anybody I had ever seen before or whose photographs I had seen. However, I did think these men were perhaps in the liquor racket or some other illegal racket since they seemed to have nothing whatsoever to do.

Statement of Henry Randall, Cont'd:

In the first part of November 1934 on an occasion when Adams and I were talking about my working at the Dog Track, I asked him how I was going to travel back and forth to it, and he replied that I couldn't use his Lincoln, but that he perhaps could get a cheaper car for me. A few days later I again spoke to him about this matter. Codomo was with me at this time. Adams told me that a Mr. Bronson had a Ford Coupe stored at the Biscayne Kennel Club and that it could be bought for about \$300.00, that he would see Mr. Bronson about it; further that he would take care of the cost of the car and that I could see him later about it. Fred Barker who I at that time knew as "Shorty" was sitting in Mr. Adams' office located on the 1st floor of the Hotel at the time I had this conversation with Adams. When I walked into the office I heard Adams and Barker talking about dog racing.

The next day I went to Adams' office again and at that time Adams gave me the keys for an automobile, also the registration slip for the automobile showing it had been registered in Ohio by a Charles Bronson. He also gave me a ten dollar bill and told me to get the Ford Coupe at the Kennel Club and buy license plates for it. No one else was present at this time. Adams never told me what he paid for the car nor did he identify Mr. Bronson in any manner. I, however, of my own accord drew the conclusion that Bronson was "Shorty". After I obtained the car I purchased license plates for it in Miami registering it in my own name. It was on or about Nov. 5th 1934, that I registered this car. I registered it in my own name inasmuch as Adams when giving me the money to buy plates told me to go over and get my own plates. Adams used the automobile for the first two weeks after I got it. Thereafter I used it to go back and forth to the Dog track. This automobile that I got thru Adams is the same car that I had in my possession today and which car I have voluntarily given possession of to Special Agent J. H. Hanson.

I saw Shorty in Adams' office on the time when I spoke to Adams about the automobile mentioned above; also one time about Xmas of 1934 when I went to Adams' office to see about a bill the El Comodoro had sent me. At this second time Adams and "Shorty" were eating lunch in the office. I also saw "Shorty" drive Adams' Lincoln Sedan on one occasion. Shorty was alone in the car and drove it into the parking lot in the rear of the Hotel. The next day Adams told me to take the car to the Firestone Service Station, at 13th Ave & Flagler St., saying he loaned it to someone yesterday and they said they wouldn't drive it because it shimmied too much.

Statement of Henry Randall, Cont'd:

During the first two weeks of December 1934, I saw a young woman around the El Comodoro Hotel. She was in a pregnant condition. She appeared to be alone. I never noticed Joe Adams or any men talking to her.

Some time before Xmas, this woman left the Hotel and I never saw her again until a few days ago, as I will explain below.

The photograph of the person who I have been told is of Alvin Karpis I wish to say is that of a man I met in Joe Adams' office at the El Comodoro Hotel on about Dec. 22, 1934. I went to Adams' office at his request and Karpis was there at that time. Adams asked me if I would do a friend of his a favor. I told him I would if I could do it. Adams pointing to Karpis, then said this Mr. Morrison wants you to buy a car for him, and that he had already picked out the car. Karpis then told me the car he wanted was a black two door Buick Sedan standing in the middle of the show room floor. He also gave me a business card of the Ungar Buick Co., which is the same card found in my room today by Special Agents Hanson and Jones and which card I have initialed. Adams at this time told me that he wanted me to do this because they were busy and were expecting a business call. When I asked them in whose name I should buy the automobile, Karpis spoke up saying here's a slip with my name and address. I recall the name to be Leroy Morrison and the address some number on Main St., in Buffalo, N. Y. I then went to the Ungar Buick Co., where I talked to Mr. Bishop and the manager of the place. Before going there, Karpis had told me in Adams' office and in the latter's presence that the car he wanted cost \$1080.00. He also told me to get him license plates for the car. He gave me eleven one hundred dollar bills to pay for this automobile.

At the Buick place I asked Mr. Bishop if the black 2 door Buick Sedan standing in the floor cost \$1080.00 and when he stated that it did, I told him I wanted to buy it. Neither Bishop nor the sales manager said anything to indicate that anyone else had been looking at the car. When I decided to take the car, I told Bishop, who asked for the name of the purchaser, that it was Leroy Morrison and gave the Buffalo, N. Y. address that Karpis had given to me. I also asked Bishop to get license plates for me and when he asked for my local address I told him I had none, as I was intending to move at that time. Bishop then told me I could pick up the title in 15 or 20 days at the Buick Co. -- I never did do that and don't know where the title is now. --

Statement of Henry Randall, Cont'd:

It took me about an hour to get the Buick and when I got it I immediately drove it to the El Comodoro Hotel, parked it in the parking lot at the rear, then walked into Mr. Adams' office and give the keys to the car and the money that was left over to Karpis who was still there. I noticed at that time that Karpis and Adams were drinking beer together. I told Karpis he'd have to go to the Buick Co., for his title papers. Adams said nothing at this time.

I did not see Karpis again until the night of either Jan. 15th or 16th when a woman came to my money-changing window at the Biscayne Kennel Club. She called me Duke and said that Mr. Morrison wanted to see me. I told her I couldn't see him until between 11:30 P.M. and 12:30 A.M. when the last race had started. She then said I should come outside in the parking lot and see him at that time. This woman who talked to me is apparently Wynona Burdette whose photograph I have identified. When I got outside she took me to the Buick Sedan parked there and I saw that Karpis and Campbell were in the car. I got in the Buick with Karpis and Campbell. Karpis did the talking. He told me that they had to leave, that they were going up north to Atlantic City or Philadelphia, and he asked if I hadn't lived in Atlantic City. When I replied that I had, he asked me the name of a hotel there. I told him about the Danmor Hotel. I saw him write that name on a card. He also told me to give the girls the address of the Hotel saying further that the girls were going to take the train because his wife was pregnant. At that time I didn't know who his wife was but as I will explain below I subsequently recognized her as the pregnant girl I had seen at the Hotel. He also asked me to take care of his wife and Campbell's wife until train time the next day. He further stated that they would go over and pick them up. We then started to drive out of the parking lot. I was driving my Ford Coupe and Karpis and Campbell were in the Buick Sedan. When we got on Second Ave., the girls were sitting in a Ford Sedan. Wynona Burdette was at the driver's seat and Delores Delaney was in the car with her. I then recognized the Delaney woman as the pregnant woman, I had seen at the El Comodoro Hotel, as I had previously mentioned. When the Buick reached the car in which the 2 girls were sitting it stopped and the two men got out and talked to the girls. I heard them tell the girls that I would tell them where they were going to stop in Atlantic City. The two men then began to drive away but turned around before I got in my car. Karpis told me in the presence of the girls that I should get a thousand dollars from Joe Adams at the El Comodoro the next day and give it to the girls. He also said I should tell Joe to give me two hundred dollars.

Statement of Henry Randall, Cont'd:

The men then drove away down second Ave. which is the Dixie Highway going north. I then drove towards Miami going to the Ta-Miami Hotel. The girls followed me in the Ford Sedan. I parked on the street in front of the Hotel and the girls were directed by me to the parking lot in the rear of the Hotel. The girls then came in the Hotel with me. I took their bags out of the car. They had three womens' bags. They were not very heavy. One of the porters carried the bags in the hotel and put them in the check room. I told the manager of the Hotel that the girls were my sisters and that they were going to use my room for a few hours until their train left. The girls then accompanied me to my room. We talked for a while at that time. They did not mention why the boys were leaving, but they did mention that they were going to Atlantic City where Delores' baby was to be born. They asked me the name of the Hotel the boys were going to stop at there. I told them the Danmor and when I wrote the name of it down and also directed a note to Bill Morley telling him that these people were my friends and that I wanted him to take care of these people. Delores also asked me for the name of a doctor in Atlantic City. I told her that Mrs. Morley could perhaps refer her to a doctor. At this time the girls also asked me to buy railway tickets and a compartment for them to Atlantic City. Delores gave me \$150.00 for this purpose. She gave me this money about 6 AM on Thursday, Jan. 17th. After I had left the girls a few hours earlier to go to Miami Beach, I had gone by the depot to inquire about the cost of those tickets. I bought the tickets shortly after 6 AM at the Florida East Coast Railway depot. After getting the tickets I returned to the Hotel and gave them to Delores, also giving her the change that was left over. She did not give me anything for this. At this time, Wynona Burdette told me that she hated to leave her car in Miami as she liked it. She asked me to put the car in a garage or to park it until she called for it. She gave me the keys for the car, as well as the papers of ownership for it. She gave me no money to store the car, altho she asked what this would cost. I told her I didn't know so she said she'd pay for it on her return. The papers she gave me included the title, registration slip and bill of sale for the car. I then noticed that these papers were made out in the name of G. F. Summers. In order that I wouldn't have to pay storage on the car, I turned it over to my room-mate, Gregory I. Codomo, to drive it to Miami Beach telling him to store it at the Bowery Club parking space. I told him the car wouldn't be used and that he could take the plates off of it. I left the girls in my room which is #517 at the Ta-Miami, about 6:30 AM that date. I remained in the lobby until 10 AM when I returned to my room and the girls were



Statement of Henry Randall, Cont'd:

getting ready to leave. I went back to the lobby and the girls came down in a few minutes. The clerk called a cab and told the porter to get the girls bags. The girls then left.

I should have explained above that at 9 AM I went to the El Comodoro Hotel, where I saw Joe Adams. He was behind the clerk's desk in the office. I went in a private office off of the clerk's room and Joe came in there. I explained to him what Karpis had told me the previous night and asked him for twelve hundred dollars. He left the room and when he returned he said "They ain't got a Hell of a lot of dough left. Give them this and tell them that's all they get." With that he gave me a thousand dollar bill, also saying, "I suppose I'll have to fix that house up." I said nothing but walked back to my hotel, the Ta-Miami Hotel where I asked the clerk if he could get the \$1000.00 bill changed for me. I told him I didn't know anybody in the bank and they perhaps would think I stole it. The clerk got the bill changed giving me twenty \$50.00 bills. I then went to my room and gave Delores sixteen \$50.00 bills. I told her that I took \$200.00 out of the sum.

On Wednesday afternoon, Jan 16, 1935, when I was at the El Comodoro Hotel, I was sitting in the lobby with Joe Adams, he said "That's what you get for doing favors for people." I asked him what he meant. He said "I rented that house at Lake Wier to that old lady and her son. They must have been wanted by the police because there was a terrible shooting match up there this morning." When he mentioned the old lady and her son, I thought of Fred Barker and his mother because Joe had previously told me that he had rented Carson Bradford's house at Lake Wier to Blackburn. I also thought of these people at this time because I had made a trip to Quincy, Florida, about Dec. 1st, 1934. I made this trip at the request of Joe Adams who asked me to drive George Bevis, one of the Florida racing commissioners, to his home as his baby was dying. Adams told me that on my way back I should stop at Bradford's place at Lake Wier where I could pick some oranges and bring them back. He then told me that the old lady and her son who had stopped at the Hotel were living at Bradford's place. He said that their name was Blackburn. When I got there, a negro told me that no one was at home. He said that he didn't know where Mr. Blackburn and his mother were, further that they were gone for a few days. The negro helped me pick some oranges and when I returned to Miami the bell boys at the Hotel took them from the car and put them in the check room. I did not see Joe Adams at that time as I believe he was at the dog track.

Statement of Henry Randall, Cont'd:

The next day Joe asked me if the Blackburn's were at home and when I told them that they weren't, he asked me if the Colored boy had told me where they were.

I also wish to say at this time that on Dec. 22, 1934, when I was called to the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami by Joe Adams and when he asked me to buy the Buick Sedan for Mr. Morrison who I have identified as Alvin Karpis, there was also present at this time Fred Barker who I knew was using the names of Bronson and Blackburn. After I had bought the Buick Sedan, Adams again called me to his office in room #210 and asked me to go to a jewelry store to get an assortment of jewelry for a lady. Barker, Karpis and Adams were in the office at that time and they were talking about Christmas presents. In my presence Adams telephoned a jewelry shop and asked if they would prepare an assortment of jewelry for a lady. He said he would send a man to get the stuff and then gave me one of his cards on which he had written the name of the Suttin Jewelry Co on Flagler St., as I recall, also writing a note for them to give me the jewelry. I went to the jewelry shop where I got a package that the lady was wrapping. I brought the package to Adams' office in the El Comodoro Hotel where Adams with Fred Barker and Karpis looked over the jewelry. They selected 2 diamond bar pins. All three of them took part in the selection. I recall that Karpis and Fred Barker complained about the price of the jewelry whereupon Adams 'phoned the jeweler saying that his friends thought the price was too high. I gathered from the conversation of the three men that the jeweler reduced the price, as the three men were elated. Barker then handed Adams some money from his bank-roll and Adams in turn gave me the money. Adams also gave me the balance of the jewelry. I took it with the money to the jewelry shop. The jeweler gave me the receipt for the money. This is the receipt found in my room and which is made out to Joe Adams. I got no money for running this errand.

About a week before the shooting at Ocala, Fla., Joe Adams called me to his office in room #210 at the El Comodoro. He told me that a friend had left a rifle with him and that he did not want his people to know he had it in case something happened to him. He did not show me this gun at this time. However, he told me to have a box made for it. That night at the Biscayne Kennel Club, I asked Lee Kane, the carpenter, who also works and lives at the El Comodoro Hotel to make a box for a rifle. The next afternoon when I went to the track, Kane had made a box. We tried to put a shotgun in it and when it wouldn't fit, Kane altered the box. Then on the next day I got the box from Kane



Statement of Henry Randall, Cont'd:

and took it to my room at the Ta-Miami Hotel. I then went to Adams' office in room #210 at the El Comodoro when I told Adams that the box for the gun was finished. He then opened his closet door and took out a golf bag. This is a big brown leather bag. It has a zipper top to it and the bows in the bag are covered with a darker brown leather. He unlocked the bag and took from it an automatic rifle. I have identified a gun that has been shown to me by special agent Hanson as the gun Adams took from this bag and gave to me on this occasion. Adams and I took the gun apart after which we wrapped it in newspapers. He also gave me four clips for this gun. They were loaded. They also came from the golf bag which also contained some gold sticks. At this time Adams told me to put the gun in the box, put a fictitious name on it and then check it in the check room at the El Comodoro Hotel. Nothing was said about a claim check for the box. After he said this he told me I could sell this weapon or get rid of it in anyway that I wanted to. I then took the gun to my room in the Ta-Miami Hotel where I put it and the clips in the box that I had had made at the dog track. I then left the gun in my clothes closet after having painted on the box in ink, the name of the "Hill Hardware Co., Brooklyn, N. Y." as consignee with the "U S Steel Co., of Bethlehem, Pa.", as consignor. The gun then remained there until the same day that Delores Delaney and Wynona Burdette left Miami, when on that night I asked Mr. Rolfe at the Biscayne Kennel Club if he would be interested in buying an automatic rifle. I offered it to him for \$150.00. I told him a friend of mine had given it to me and that I knew where he could get 2 more of them. This was a lie as I did not know where any more such guns were located, nor had I heard of anymore. Rolfe told me to bring the gun to his office the next day which I did. At Rolfe's office, Rolfe and I who were alone put the gun together. We also loaded it when it accidentally discharged. Rolfe didn't agree to buy it but said he would see me that night. When I saw him he said that he couldn't use the gun and that I could get it back. I never did get it.

I wish to say that I work for Mr. M. A. Rolfe who operates the Rolfe Armored Service being engaged in transporting money to banks. He also carries the money from the Biscayne Kennel Club to the First National Bank in Miami. It was a part of my duty to accompany the truck to the bank, as well as to act as a guard at the money windows at the Kennel Club. However during the past three weeks I worked in the money change window at the Club. In connection with my position with Rolfe, he had secured for me special officer's commissions in the City of Miami and at Miami Shores, where the Biscayne Kennel Club is located. These permits authorized me to carry a pistol. Rolfe had furnished me the 45 automatic pistol found in my room at the Ta-Miami Hotel,

Statement of Henry Randall, Cont'd:

This gun is a Colts 45 cal. automatic pistol, government model #C112311. He also furnished me the shoulder holster found with this gun, as well as the Special Officer's badge found in my room.

My salary with Rolfe is \$42.00 per week. As far as I know Rolfe pays my salary, as his Captain, Ted Bush, paid me.

On Monday morning, January 21, 1935 about one A.M., when I was at the Bowery Club in Miami Beach accompanied by Billie Koreen, I was told by the Cashier that I had received three telephone calls left no name, but told the Cashier to tell me that there had been a shooting scrape in Atlantic City. I thought some one was playing a trick on me. However, I still was worried and I thought of the people I had recommended to the Hotel in Atlantic City. I tried to reach Joe Adams at his home and at the El Comodoro Hotel, but he didn't answer the phone at either place. I then asked my girl companion, Billie Koreen, to call Bill Morley at the Morley Cigar Store on Kentucky Ave., in Atlantic City telling her to ask him or whoever answered if there was any trouble there. This she did. After the conversation she told me that she was told that there was a shooting in the Danmore Hotel, that 2 men got away but they had taken 2 women into custody. We stayed at the Club for an hour or two when I took my girl home. I then returned to the Bowery Club, told Gregory I Codomo, my room mate, that I was going to my hotel and that the next day I was going to see Joe Adams, ask him if he made the calls to me at the Bowery Club, and to see what he knew about this, then give my self up to the Miami Police. Before this happened I was picked up by special agents Jones and Hanson and voluntarily went with them for questioning.

I had read in the newspapers of the Bremer kidnaping case. I knew that Bremer was a brewer and that a \$200,000.00 ransom had been paid for his release. I did not know who all was wanted for this kidnaping. As I have said above, I had heard about the shooting at Lake Wier, Fla., at the Bradford home. I read the newspaper accounts of that shooting and then learned that the man I had known at the El Comodoro Hotel as "Shorty" alias "Bronson" alias "Blackburn" was one of the kidnapers and was wanted by the federal government. Joe Adams had also mentioned this shooting to me and that these people were wanted by the authorities. After reading of this shooting and after hearing Adams' talk about it, I knew that the man I had met at the El Comodoro Hotel and who I knew as Morrison, as I have explained above, was a partner of "Shorty's" or of Fred Barker and that he also was a fugitive

Statement of Henry Randall, Cont'd:

from the U. S. Government in the Bremer case.

All the trouble that I have gotten into as a result of running errands for the people mentioned above was done at the instance of Joe Adams and it is only because of him that I got in this trouble.

I have read this statement of which this is the 24th page. It has been given voluntarily by me. No promises have been made to me, nor has any force been used against me.

/s/ Henry Randall

Witnesses:

J. H. Hanson,  
R. L. Jones

Special Agents,  
Division of Investigation  
U S Dept of Justice"

STATEMENT OF DUKE RANDALL:

Miami, Fla.  
January 25, 1935

I, Duke Randall, make the following statement to L. J. Metcalf & P. C. Dunne, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice having first been told that it may be used in Court against me.

On last Sunday evening, January 20, 1935, a girl friend of mine, Billie Koreen, and myself attended a moving picture show and then stopped at the Bowery Casino, 37 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach on our way home.

Immediately upon our arrival at the Bowery Casino, which was at about 11:30 P. M., Harry Heller informed me that he had a message for me which he had received from an unknown person on the telephone. The message as related to me by Heller was that there had been a shooting at Atlantic City and that I should scram out of town. The person who made the call did not tell Heller who he was but said that I'd know who made the call.

In my opinion that call could have come from no one other than Joe Adams.

Since I've been in Miami there have been only two men with whom I've had any dealings, social or business, and they are Gregory Codomo and Joe Adams. Codomo at no time ever had any dealings with Karpis, Campbell or their women. Adams on the other hand had dealt with Karpis ever since I came to Miami in November 1935.

On Thursday morning, January 16, 1935, I went to Joe Adams and told him that "those two fellows were out at the track last night and told me that they were going to drive to Atlantic City and that the two women were going to Atlantic City by train; that they had told me to see you and get \$1200.00 for them." Adams went behind the Clerk's desk and got \$1,000.00 which he gave me saying "here's \$1000.00, that's all I've got for them." The money was a one thousand dollar bill.

Joe Adams is the only man I told about Karpis, Campbell & the two women going to Atlantic City.

After Heller, at the Bowery Casino, had given me the message referred to above, I became worried and had my girl friend Billie Koreen call Bill Morley, at Morley's Cigar Stand, Atlantic City to verify the phone message.

Statement of Duke Randall, Cont'd:

I tried to reach Joe Adams on Sunday night to see if he called me but I was unable to locate him; I called both the hotel & his home.

There is no doubt in my mind that Joe Adams made the above call or had someone to make it as he is the only man, whom I know of, that knew of my directing Karpis, Campbell, & the two women to Atlantic City.

Signed:-

Henry Randall.

Witnesses:- L. J. Metcalf & P. C. Dunne  
Special Agents,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice"

## STATEMENT OF DUKE RANDALL:

Miami, Florida  
January 26, 1935

I, Duke Randall, make the following statement to L. J. Metcalf & P. C. Dunne, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

On the Sunday before New Years, Dec. 30, 1935, I was in the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Fla., eating dinner. Joe Adams came up and said that he wanted me to make a trip for him; he stated that a man named Smith was supposed to make the trip but for some reason or other he was unable to do it. Adams said that he wanted me to go up to Etowah, Tenn. and give a man named Harry, who runs a filling station and garage there, \$50.00; that I should tell Harry that the money was from Joe Adams for the license plates for his car and that he (Harry) should forget about Joe Adams.

I made the trip as requested by Adams; I left Miami at about 9:00 A. M. on Dec. 31, 1934 by plane and flew to Jacksonville, Fla. At Jacksonville there was some question as to whether the plane would go through; I wired Adams requesting advice as to the procedure which I should take if the plane didn't fly to Atlanta. Adams wired me at the Jacksonville Airport that I should use my own judgment but take the quickest way.

The plane did fly to Atlanta and I rented a car in Atlanta and drove to Etowah, Tenn. and there did as Adams requested. I told Harry, as Adams had requested me to, that I (meaning Randall) would be through Etowah again sometime when I would again take care of him. Adams also told me to tell Harry that the reason he did not want his (Adams') name mentioned was that the fellows for whom the plates were for were booze runners and had got in some kind of a jam.

I am unable to recall Harry's last name but his filling station is a large station with garage attached and should be easy to locate in Etowah which is a small town.

Signed:-

Henry Randall.

Witnesses:-

L. J. Metcalf  
Special Agents;  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice"

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## STATEMENT OF DUKE RANDALL:

"January 29, 1935  
Miami, Florida.

I, Duke Randall, presently incarcerated in the Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida, freely & voluntarily make the following signed statement to Franklin M. Stone and James W. Going, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

My real name is Henry Stern. I am known also by the name of Duke Randall.

My father, Elias Harry Stern and my mother Anna Cecelia Stern are both now deceased. My mother died in 1918 and my father died about two years later. Both of my parents are buried in some lodge cemetery, the name of which, I do not recall, in Newark, New Jersey.

I wish to state that I have never been convicted of a murder charge; that I have never been arrested on a murder charge; that I have never been under suspicion, as far as I know, as being responsible for a murder. I have never had a friend who was mixed up in a murder case.

I have never been arrested for assault and battery. I have never been mixed up in any assault case. I have never tried to help any friend out of an assault charge.

I have never been arrested on any charge in my life. I had never been in jail before I became mixed up in the case for which I am now in jail.

I never went to Joe Adams, wrote to Joe Adams, or had anyone of my friends go to him with a story that I was in trouble because of an assault charge, pending against me and that I needed money to get out of my trouble. I never asked Joe Adams for any money for my self for any reason. I never asked him to help me out of any court troubles as long as I've known him. I never told Joe that I was in trouble and needed money to get me out of it.

I read the above statement and it is true.

/s/ Henry Randall.

## Witnesses:

Franklin M. Stone,  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice.  
Birmingham, Ala.

## STATEMENT OF DUKE RANDALL:

"Dade County Jail  
Miami Florida  
February 1, 1935

I, Duke Randall, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents F. M. Stone and J. W. Going of the Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice:

Several days before I made the trip to Etowah, Tenn. for Joe Adams which was on December 31, 1934, he gave me instructions to have a box made for the gun which I later tried to sell to Mr. Rolfe. At the time he gave me the instructions he told me to have a box made for it and put it in the check room of the El Comodoro Hotel. At the time he told me to have the box made he told me to put any sort of name I wanted to on the box.

I had the box made and a couple of days later told him the box was ready. At that time he gave me the gun and told me to get rid of it; do anything I wanted to with it; throw it in the ocean but dispose of it in some manner. I then took the gun to my room at the Ta-Miami and when I made the trip to Etowah, Tenn both the gun and the box were in my room.

After I returned from Etowah, Tenn Mr. Adams later asked me what I had done with the gun and I can not now recall what I told him at the time the gun was still in my room.

Several days before the shooting at Ocala it occurred to me that Mr. Rolfe might buy the gun as he would have a legitimate use for it.

Before I thought of selling the gun to Mr. Rolfe I remembered what Adams had said about putting any sort of name on the box so I put the writing in green ink on the box which was on it at the time it was recovered from Mr. Rolfe.

On the day that those people left here, the day after the shooting at Ocala, I took the gun to Mr. Rolfe and left it with him.

The above statement is true & correct.

/s/ Henry Randall

Witness:

James W. Going  
Franklin M. Stone  
Special Agents, Div. of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.



Upon receipt of information from the Philadelphia Office that it had been learned that at 12:40 A. M. on January 21, 1935, a long distance telephone call had been placed from Miami to the Morley Cigar Store, Telephone No. 9732, at Atlantic City, at which time, the person telephoning, who talked from telephone No. 5-9174, Miami Beach, made inquiry concerning the shooting in Atlantic City.

It was ascertained from Mr. W. L. Dixon, Manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, that the telephone number 5-9174 at Miami Beach, Florida, was listed in the name of the Leonard Hotel; further that the call had been placed at 12:40/A.M. on January 21, 1935, which was disconnected at 12:43 A. M.

In connection with the above noted telephone call, Harry Heller, 37 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, furnished the following signed statement:

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## STATEMENT OF HARRY HELLER:

"Miami, Fla.  
January 25, 1935

I, Harry Heller, make the following statement to Special Agents R. L. Jones and L. J. Metcalf, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

I have known Duke Randall for about four years, having met him in Atlantic City, N. J. when he had his band at the Little Club.

At present I'm employed as publicity man for the Bowery Casino, 37 Ocean Drive, Miami, Beach.

Last Sunday night, January 20, 1935, at about 7:30 P. M. the phone rang at the Bowery Casino just prior to the time we opened for business. The party making the call was a man and he asked if there was anyone there who could take a message for Duke Randall. I replied that I would take the message. The man making the call then said tell Duke that "Atlantic City has shot it out, received telegram beat it." This call was made as a local call. The party, who made this call, called back twice and inquired of me whether or not I had given Randall the message. The party who made the call did not give his name but told me that Duke would know who called.

At about 11:30 Duke came to the Bowery Casino accompanied by a girl named "Billie". I then gave the above message to Duke. Duke received the message without appearing nervous and with a nod of his head said, "Oh, ya."; he later asked me who made the call and I told him that the one making the call said that he (Duke) would know who called.

I have not known Duke Randall under any other name and have never been intimant with him.

There is a slight possibility that I might be able to recall the voice who made the call; the person who called had a rather deep voice and from the English used by this person I would say that he was a literate person.

It is my opinion that at the time I gave Duke the message that he (Duke) knew from whom the message came.

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Statement of Harry Heller, Cont'd:

The telephone number of the Bowery Casino is 5-9272 and is listed in the telephone directory as "Hardies' Casino".

The above statement consisting of three pages has been read to me & is true.

Signed: - Harry H. Heller,  
Ritz Hotel

R. L. Jones, Special Agent

L. J. Metcalf  
Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice"

Miss Mary Irene Koreen, 202 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, whose home address is 2034 East 81st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and who is the girl friend of Duke Randall, furnished the following signed statement:

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## STATEMENT OF MARY IRENE (BILLIE) KOREEN:

"Miami, Florida January 25, 1935

My name is Mary Irene (Billie) Koreen. I am 26 years old and live at the present time at 202 Ocean Drive Miami Beach, Florida apt. 49. My home is at 2034 East 81st Street Cleveland Ohio. I lived at this address with a friend Mrs Geo. Yocum for the past four years. My mothers name is Mrs Barbia Gurrion 1444 Station St. West Mentor Ohio. I am a waitress by trade and have part time employment at the Bowery Casino 37 Ocean Drive Miami Beach Florida.

Mr. Sipers owner of the Bowery Casino introduced me to Duke Randall about one month ago. I have had several dates with him since we met.

On Sunday night Jan. 20, 1935 Duke and I stopped in at the Bowery. Mr. Heller cashier at the Bowery told Duke that he had a phone call, then Duke and Mr Heller had a conversation. I did not hear what they said to each other.

After Duke and Mr Heller finished talking Duke and I sat down at a table with Mr Sipers, Sipers brother, Mrs Kiman and some other people. Mrs Kiman is the lady I live with at 202 Ocean drive.

Duke asked me if I would make a phone call to Atlantic City New Jersey to a Mr Morley at the Morley Cigar Store and ask him if any thing had happened there.

I went to a hotel near the Bowery, placed a call to Mr Morley and asked him if any thing had happened there, that I was a friend of Dukes. Mr Morley told me that there had been a shooting at a hotel there, the two men got away and the two women were being held by the Department of Justice. I asked him if there was any thing else happened, and he said no thats all I know of, that has happened here.

After telling Duke what Mr Morley had said he Duke said "Oh my God I met some people and gave them a note to a hotel in Atlantic City". He didn't say any more about it till a paper boy came in and we saw Dukes name in the paper. Then he said it must be the people he had given the note to. This was about 3 A. M. Monday morning Jan. 21, 1935.

Duke then took me home and I have not seen him since.

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Statement of Mary Irene (Billie) Koreen, Cont'd:

I made this call at Duke Randalls request. I do not know Mr. Morley or anyone else in Atlantic City New Jersey as I never have been there.

I do not recognize any of the picture\_ shown me by Special Agent R. L. Jones as being a likeness of any person I know or have seen.

/s/ Miss Billie Koreen

Witness

R. L. Jones & L. J. Metcalf  
Special Agents  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice"

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Gregory I. Codomo, who is an employee of the Bowery Club, 37 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, confirmed the information furnished by Duke Randall, in his statements above, to the effect that they drove together from Newark, N. J. to Miami, Florida, in Codomo's Ford Coupe, the trip taking place sometime in the latter part of October, 1934. He also advised that at this time he did not know exactly how much Randall had in his possession, but doubted that it was over \$100.00.

He also furnished Agents, at the time he pointed out to Special Agent R. L. Jones, the location of the Ford Sedan (which was recovered by Agent Jones on 1-22-35) that Randall had requested him, Codomo, to store, with the following papers:

1. State of Florida Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title, No. 952564, Application No. 370964, dated at Tallahassee, Florida, 12-7-34, for a Ford Fordor Sedan, bearing Engine No. 18-1190702, Model 40, 8 Cyls. issued to G. F. Summers, Box 738, Gainesville, Florida, the title indicating that there were no liens of any kind against this car. (NOTE: This is the automobile that the Jacksonville Office has ascertained was purchased by Harry Campbell under the alias of G. F. Summers, at Gainesville, Florida, after he had wrecked the Ford Coupe, which he had purchased from the Dade Motor Sales Company in Miami, Florida, which latter car has been mentioned above. It also should be mentioned at this time that the Honorable W. Sanders Gramling, Assistant United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, has advised that when he requested the Honorable Halsted Ritter, Judge of the United States District Court at Miami, Florida, to approve an order confiscating this car for the Division of Investigation, that Judge Ritter declined to do this for the reasons that have been mentioned above, saying that the Division of Investigation had a legal right against all parties except the true owner and that it could use this automobile without any legal responsibility.

2. 1935 Florida registration card issued to G. F. Summers, Box 738, Gainesville, Florida, on January 14, 1935, reflecting that Florida Tag, No. 39195, had been issued for a Ford Four Door Sedan, bearing Motor No. 18-1190702, Title Certificate No. 952564, 1934 tag being No. 204-692. (NOTE: It might be mentioned here that at the time Special Agent R. L. Jones, recovered this automobile on 1-22-35 at Miami Beach, Florida, he verified the motor number of the car. Further learning that the 1935 license plates were in the possession of Gregory I. Codomo, who had been authorized by Randall to take them from this Ford Sedan for the purpose of using them on Codomo's car. It might also be mentioned here that Randall orally admitted that he removed a radio which had been installed on this automobile, placing it in the Ford Coupe which Randall had previously obtained from Joe Adams as has been explained in his statement above.
3. Receipt issued by Shaw & Keeter Motor Company, Inc., Ford Dealers at Gainesville, Florida, dated 11-16-34, indicating that a 1934 V-8 Sedan, Motor No. 18-1190702, had been sold to G. F. Summers, at a cost of \$729.00, less trade-in allowance on a Ford Coupe, Motor No. 18-1194246, which was in a wrecked condition, and for which an allowance of \$294.50 had been made.
4. Certificates of warranty issued by B. F. Goodrich Company, indicating that five Goodrich tires had been installed on the Ford Sedan mentioned above on 11-16-34, the serial numbers of these tires being listed in these warranties.
5. 1 Instruction Book for a Ford V-8.
6. The original of a Postal Telegraph telegram, pertaining to the trip that Duke Randall made for Joe Adams to Etowah, Tenn., in connection with the automobile license plates that Adams had

purchased for Fred Barker, which telegram reads as follows:

"JE3 6-Miami FLO DEC 31 1934 1239P

DUKE RANDALL  
JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT PAV

USE OWN JUDGMENT THE QUICKEST WAY

JOE, 1258P\*

Joe Adams has admitted, as will be explained below the sending of this telegram.

7. A memorandum written in ink on the stationery of The Dinkler Hotels, Atlanta, Georgia, indicating the expenses incurred by Duke Randall on the trip that he made for Joe Adams to Etowah, Tenn. This statement reads as follows:

|                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| "Plane Fare     | \$66.80         |                 |
| Cab "           | 3.00            |                 |
| Hotel           | 3.50            |                 |
| Food            | 5.00            |                 |
| Harry           | 50.00           |                 |
| Hired Car       | 35.00           |                 |
| Driver          | 10.00           |                 |
| Plane from Jax  | 40.00           |                 |
|                 | <u>\$213.30</u> |                 |
| Received refund | \$ 18.00        |                 |
|                 | 213.30          |                 |
|                 | <u>18.00</u>    |                 |
|                 | \$195.30        | Total Expense." |

(NOTE: Duke Randall advised orally that the above mentioned statement is one that he made up covering expenses incurred by him on the trip for Joe Adams, and Joe Adams when advised of this statement stated that the amount and the items mentioned therein undoubtedly pertain to the trip that Randall made for him.)



8. Passenger's Coupon No. 3021, issued by the Eastern Air Lines, Inc. indicating that a round trip ticket had been sold at Miami, Florida, covering passage from Miami, Florida, to Atlanta, Georgia and return, the ticket being stamped at Miami, Florida, on December 26, 1934 and at Atlanta, Georgia, on January 1, 1935. (NOTE: Randall stated that this is the ticket that he used in making the trip from Miami, Florida, to Atlanta, Georgia, en route to Etowah, Tenn.

Mr. H. L. Silvers, Owner and Manager of the Tamiami Hotel, advised that Duke Randall, who had been a guest of the Hotel occupying room 517, in company with Gregory I. Codomo, on the morning of January 17, 1935, sometime after 12:00 or 1:00 A. M. on that date, brought two women to the Hotel, taking them to his room, after which he returned to the lobby, stating that the women were his sister and sister-in-law.

According to Mr. Silvers these women left the Hotel in a cab about 9:30 A. M. on January 17, 1935, Mr. Silvers identified the photograph of Wynona Burdette as one of the women who were with Randall, saying further that the other woman was pregnant.

Mr. Silvers further stated that several days prior to Duke Randall bringing the women to the Hotel he had seen Randall in possession of a wooden box, which appeared to contain a gun.

Mr. A. R. Marshman, Clerk at the Tamiami Hotel, stated that on the morning of January 17, 1935, Duke Randall came to him with a \$1,000.00 bill, requesting him to have it changed; that he went to the Florida National Bank where he secured twenty \$50.00 bills for the \$1,000.00 bill given to him by Randall, turning this money over to Randall. Marshman stated that he did not see the women who were in Randall's room on that day.

Arnold Hutchison, colored bell boy at the Tamiami Hotel, stated that he recalled Randall coming to the Hotel early on the morning of January 17, 1935, accompanied by two women, one of whom he identified from a photograph, as being Wynona Burdette. He stated that these women had three bags in their possession and that he handled them but that the bags appeared to be of medium weight.

It might also be mentioned at this time that Randall at the time he was taken into custody had in his possession \$175.00 consisting of \$10.00 and \$5.00 bills, which bills were checked against the Bremer ransom list without making any identification for which reason the numbers of the bills are not being incorporated in this report.

On January 22, 1935, Mr. W. Sanders Gramling, Assistant United States Attorney, Miami, Florida, received information from Mr. Merle H. Rolfe, that he desired to see Mr. Gramling, who, upon going to Mr. Rolfe's residence, learned that Mr. Rolfe had received a Browning Automatic Rifle from Duke Randall. This information was conveyed by Mr. Gramling to Special Agent R. L. Tollett, who has submitted a memorandum as follows concerning this gun:

At 8:00 A. M. January 22, 1935, W. S. Gramling, United States Attorney, Miami, Florida, requested the writer to stand by while he went to 1251 $\frac{1}{2}$  N. W. 4th Street in answer to a call that he come along to that address.

At 9:30 A. M. same date, Gramling telephoned the writer to proceed to said address, and upon arrival there agent was introduced to Merle H. Rolfe who operates the Rolfe Armored Car Service and contracts for the guard at the Biscayne Kennel Club. Rolfe showed the writer an automatic rifle and machine gun which had been left at his office by one Duke Randall who offered it for sale at \$150.00.

The writer examined the weapon which is very similar to the Division's Colt Monitors, and had the numbers and manufacturer's name chiseled off; and after hearing Rolfe explain how the gun came into his possession, telephoned Special Agent J. H. Hanson who requested that the writer bring same to room 611, Alcazar Hotel. The writer took possession of the gun without receipt along with four loaded clips and a wooden box, and delivered the entire loot to Special Agent Hanson as directed.

Rolfe related that he employed Duke Randall as a guard at the Biscayne Kennel Club, the arrangement for the employment having been made by Joe Adams who refunded to Rolfe the weekly salary of \$25.00 paid Randall. At about 1:00 P. M. Friday, January 18, 1935, Randall came to the combination home and office occupied by Rolfe bringing along the automatic rifle. Randall explained that it was one of three in Miami and offered to sell it to Rolfe, who owns several types of

guns, for \$150.00. During the demonstration, the gun had accidentally been discharged. Upon seeing the numbers and manufacturers name chiseled off, Rolfe refused to buy the gun, but Randall left it with Rolfe, who had become uneasy with it in his possession and had called Gramling.

Rolfe was quite eager to let agent have the gun which is illegal under the new revenue laws, and stated he desired the writer to explain taking possession of the gun by saying that Randall had been followed to Rolfe's house and the gun subsequently seized without the tip from Rolfe. Rolfe explained his request by stating that his employment of Randall would injure his reputation if known and that he feared the consequences which might follow his calling Gramling.

The writer did not question Rolfe thoroughly, because the Agents under Special Agent J. H. Hanson are handling this case in Miami, and Rolfe is quite willing to furnish any information requested during the future.

Special Agent Tollett, as well as Special Agents J. H. Hanson and R. L. Jones to whom Agent Tollett gave the rifle, have appropriately marked the gun for identification, as well as the box that Randall had made to contain it. A receipt has also been given to Mr. Rolfe for this weapon.

It might also be mentioned that the box and the clips for it have been delivered to the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, for use as evidence, the gun itself having been forwarded to the Division for identification purposes.

It might be mentioned here for the information of the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, that the above mentioned gun has been described by the Firearms Expert of the Division, as being a "Browning Automatic Rifle, U. S. Cal. 30, Model 1918, manufactured by the Winchester Firearms Company, the gun bearing serial No. 211349, patent applied for" the gun also being known as a Browning light machine gun.

The Division further advises that this gun bears an obliteration similar to those on the similar rifles recovered from Russell Gibson, one of the subjects in this case. The number of a Gibson gun being #211774, which it is noted, is a serial number very close to the one recovered at Miami.

Mr. D. B. Sutton, and Sarah B. Sutton of the Sutton Jewelry Company, 132 East Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, furnished signed statements concerning the purchase of the jewelry by Joe Adams, which statements are omitted from mimeograph copies of this report.

Mr. J. A. Coosey, who resides at the Biscayne Kennel Club, advised that he saw a Coupe, which he believed was a Ford V-8, parked under the shed of the second house, to the right of the Kennel Club, sometime before the 1st of November, 1934; that the car was covered with a canvas and remained there until the latter part of November, after which he saw Duke Randall in the car, and that Duke and another man who fitted the description of Gregory I. Codomo had worked on the automobile under the grandstand.

Mr. L. L. Collins, who also resides at the Biscayne Kennel Club, furnished the following signed statement:

"Miami, Florida,  
January 31, 1935.

I, L. L. Collins, make the following voluntary statement to P. C. Dunne & L. B. Nichols, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

Sometime during the latter part of October or the first of November I noted one morning that a Ford Coupe 1934 V 8 Standard was parked under the shed of the second cottage. This car was parked during the night and remained there for about 3 or 4 weeks, when it was removed during the night. While it was parked it was covered with a tarpalum. I do not know who parked the car or who took it away. I have seen Duke Randall in a 1934 V 8 Ford Coupe.

I have read the above statement and it is true.

/s/ Lee L. Collins

Witness:

L. B. Nichols,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
Birmingham, Ala.

P. C. Dunne,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Birmingham, Ala."

Mr. Carson Bradford, 3158 North Bay Road, Miami, Florida, Proprietor of the home at Oklawaha, Florida, where Fred Barker and his mother were mortally wounded, made the following signed statement:

Miami, Fla.  
January 29, 1935.

I, Carson Bradford, make the following statement to P. C. Dunne & L. J. Metcalf, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

I have been a resident of Miami, Fla. for about the past 14 years; prior to coming to Miami I lived at Nashville, Tenn. For the past five years I have been interested in dog tracks handling the publicity for the same. At present I am publicity man for the Biscayne Kennel Club. I own an interest in the Biscayne Kennel Club, which after the indebtedness of the Club is paid, will amount to about 10%.

I have known Joe Adams for about 16 years having met him when I was in the show business in Nashville, Tenn.

During the early part of November, 1934, Joe Adams called me on the telephone and asked me if I would rent my home at Ocala, Fla. for \$75.00 per month; he stated that the tenants would be an elderly woman and her two grown sons. This is the first time that I ever rented my home in Ocala to anyone, but at present and for the past few years I have needed money and when I received an opportunity to realize \$75.00 per month for the house I rented it.

I never at any time saw or talked to anyone of the tenants who rented my house. I did not even know the names of the people who rented the home until sometime after they had moved into. The renting of this house was carried on solely by Joe Adams who had my permission to rent it.

After the people had moved into the house I learned from Adams that their names were Blackburne. There was some trouble over an electric light and water bill for the house but in cleaning up this matter I never at any time carried on any correspondence with the Blackburnes.

I have talked with Adams since the shooting at Ocala and he tendered me a \$1,000.00 bill for the damage done my house, which he stated belongs to "that son-of-a-bitch" who left here. But much as I felt that I should be reimbursed for the damage done my home, I told Adams that I couldn't take that kind of money.

With regards the Duke Randall involved in this case, I will state that my acquaintance with him has been only to exchange greetings with him at the Discayne Kennel Club at night. At one time I inquired of Adams concerning Randall and he (Adams) replied in a joking way "he's my man."

I have never owned or run gambling houses nor have I ever associated with gamblers.

I have been shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang by Agents, with the exception of Doc Barker I am sure that I have never seen any of them other than pictures printed in the newspapers. As to Doc Barker it seems to me that I have seen him somewhere.

I gained the impression from Adams that the owner of the \$1,000.00 bill, which he tendered me, was Alvin Karpis.

Whether Adams knew who the Blackburnes were at the time he rented my house to them, or what he found out about them after that time, I do not know. But it is my honest opinion that Adams had no idea as to who the Blackburnes were at the time he rented my house to them. This opinion is based upon my 16 years association with Adams.

Signed:-

Carson Bradford

Witnesses:-

L. J. Metcalf & P. C. Dunne  
Special Agents,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice."

James Grant, negro bell boy at the El Comodoro Hotel, stated that he recognized the pictures shown to him by Agents, as Campbell, Kate, Freddie and maybe Karpis, as those of persons staying at the hotel during November, 1934. Grant advised that until the beginning of this year (1935) he had been captain of the bell boys and had not hopped bells; that the only contact that he had with any of the above mentioned persons was on one or two occasions when he delivered laundry to Kate and Freddie; that he did not recognize anything unusual about the Barkers.

William Milton Johnson, negro bell hop at the El Comodoro Hotel, stated that he had been employed at the hotel about 9 months; that he recognized photos shown to him by Agents as being those of Kate, Freddie, Campbell, (known to him as Summers) and perhaps Karpis. Johnson stated that he waited on Freddie and Kate on quite a few occasions; that Freddie and Kate treated him nicely and tipped about 25¢; that he knew Kate as Mrs. Ryan and that she always called Freddie "son" and that such was the only name he knew him by until later when he learned the name of Blackburn; that Kate and Freddie asked him to go with them to Ocala, Fla. and work at the house there which they had rented; that he did go to Ocala, on about November 20, 1934, as he recalls; that Kate, Freddie and he drove up there in a 1934 Buick Coupe; that he stayed at Ocala for about three weeks but left and returned to Miami as he was receiving only \$10.00 per week; that he saw nothing unusual about Kate or Freddie while there; that they were quiet and were frugal with their money. Johnson added that he had directed Freddie to Gus Love, tailor in Miami, to have some shirts made; that when he returned from Ocala he wrote Blackburn a letter stating that Joe Adams had been ill but that their papers which they had requested would be sent to them.

L. M. Kain, Carpenter at the El Comodoro Hotel and the Biscayne Kennel Club, stated that in December, 1934, or more correctly about the holidays, 1934, Duke Randall asked him to build a wooden box to fit a gun which he was going to ship; that he did build such a box and that as he remembered the dimensions were as follows 4" x 4" and 4' long; that one end of the box was 6" x 4" in order to accommodate the stock of the gun. Pictures of the mob were shown Kain but he did not recognize any of them as persons he had seen.



George Wilson, Manager of El Comodoro Coffee Shop, stated that he recognized Freddie, Kate and Campbell as persons who stayed at the hotel for a time in November; that none of the above persons talked a great deal. Wilson denied having "shadowed" or tailed Special Agents Going and Stone when they were registered at the El Comodoro for a few days after January 16, 1935; he added that he knew Duke Randall but only casually and as a customer who frequently ate at the Coffee Shop; that his impression of Randall was not a favorable one and that he had one time told Joe Adams that; that Randall told him that he was mixed up in the labor racket up in New Jersey; that Randall had talked to him about selling him his (Karpis) Ford Coupe but later told him (Wilson) that he (Wilson) wouldn't want the car as it was hot and that he had got the car from a friend from Akron, Ohio.

Joe Adams stated that he perhaps gave Dolores Delaney or Karpis (called Wagner) a card to Heller of the Parkview Hotel in Havana, Cuba, telling him that the people or bearers of the card were O. K.; that he may have done the same as regards a George Harris who runs a bar in Havana, but is not sure. Adams explained this by saying that he often sends Heller business and that Heller does the same for him. Adams stated that he knew nothing of a car or home which Karpis had in Cuba. Adams stated further that he understood that while he was away from the hotel in November or December Dolores Delaney and Heller were supposed to have stayed and been seen together at the El Comodoro Hotel; that he understood that Willie Harrison was to send a dog to Heller in Cuba.

Joe Adams, who is manager of the El Comodoro Hotel, furnished the following signed statement:

STATEMENT OF JOSEPH H. ADAMS:

Miami, Florida,  
January 29, 1935.

"I, Joseph H Adams, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents R L Jones and J H Hanson of the Division of Investigation, U S Dept. of Justice. No threats have been made against me. No promises have been made to me. I know that this statement can be used against me in a Criminal Court.

Since about August 1, 1934, I have managed the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Fla., for my father-in-law, T. R. Knight. Prior to that time for a period of several years and at the present time I have been also engaged in the grey hound racing business. At present, I am also manager of the Biscayne Kennel Club in Miami Shores Village, a suburb of Miami, Fla.

In about April 1934 when I was at Newark, N. J., for a period of several weeks seeking a dog track location, I met Duke Randall thru a clerk at the Douglas Hotel. I employed Randall to drive my car. I knew nothing about Randall at that time. He worked for me for about 6 weeks during which time we became quite friendly. Before I left Newark for Miami Randall spoke to me about getting work in Miami during this present winter. I told him that if he came down here I would assist him in getting work. From the time I left Newark until the latter part of Oct. 1934, when Duke Randall came to Miami, Fla., accompanied by his friend, Gregory I. Comodo, I had written several letters to Duke telling him that I would get him work in Miami and that if he came to Miami, he could live at the El Comodoro Hotel until the season started. I had also told him I would take care of his hotel bill and that I would see that he got his board. I understood that Randall and Comodo drove down here in an old Ford Coupe. At the time Randall arrived here, he told me that he had been working in New Jersey at the lathing business and that he had a little money. Prior to Duke's coming to Miami he had written to me from Newark that he was in trouble on an assault charge and tried to borrow \$250.00 from me to settle it. I never answered his letters asking for this money. After his arrival this case was never discussed. On Dec. 1, 1934, we opened the Biscayne Kennel Club and Randall was given employment by me as a guard at the track. His salary was \$7.00 per day and while he was carried on the payroll of the Rolfe Armored Service Co., the Biscayne Kennel Club remitted to the Rolfe Co. for Randall's special police commission. On an occasion in about December 1934 when I was

Statement of J. H. Adams, Cont'd:

at the Biscayne Kennel Club, Randall attempted to show me some papers which appeared to be legal documents and at the same time he said something about having been convicted of murder and that the papers indicated that everything had been cleared up. I was busy at the time and paid no attention to what he was saying. We never discussed this matter subsequently. On another occasion, a few weeks after Randall came to Miami, I found a note in my desk which was written on the El Comodoro Hotel stationery. The note had not been sent thru the mails. It read to the effect that I had befriended the writer's son, and that the writer who signed the note as "Philadelphia Louis" or some such name, now wanted to do me a favor. The writer then went on to say that the "Kelly Mob" from New York were going "to take" me. I thought nothing much of this note, but showed it to Duke Randall who took a note book from his pocket, looked thru it and then said that there was such a party as the writer of it. Randall, however, said nothing to indicate that he knew who wrote the note.

I have known William Harrison for at least 5 years. I first met him when he was selling or cashing tickets at the Miami Beach Kennel Club. I don't recall who introduced me to him. However, since that time I have seen him in Miami frequently and recall that I also saw him 2 or 3 years ago at the Derby in Louisville, Ky. In Miami, I had been told that Harrison was an excellent golf player and on one occasion I played golf with him. I don't recall any of his associates, but I think everybody running the track at Miami Beach, the gambling places and the saloons there know him.

On Sept 1, 1934, William Harrison accompanied by a man whom he called "Sea-Lion" came to the El Comodoro Hotel, after I had met Harrison on the streets in Miami a few days earlier when in a general conversation I informed him that I was at that time managing the El Comodoro Hotel. While I didn't check Harrison in the Hotel, I believe I saw him on that day. He was then accompanied by the man called "Sea-Lion" whose photograph I have identified as Harry Sawyer. On that day I recall Harrison telling me that a friend was coming in on a plane that day from Havana. The next day they brought an elderly man to the Hotel who they introduced to me as Cash McDonald from Detroit. McDonald did not stop at the El Comodoro, but he told me that he was stopping at the McAllister.

Statement of J. H. Adams, Cont'd:

During the period of Sept 1, to the 12th 1934 when Harrison and "Sea Lion" were at the El Comodoro, I saw them frequently in company with McDonald. I understood from general conversation with them that Sea Lion operated a gambling place and saloon in the West; further that he had been in trouble with the U. S. Government having been questioned on numerous occasions in connection with income tax matters. On one occasion I heard "Sea Lion" tell Harrison that he should have registered at the Hotel under his correct name. Practically all of the conversation I had with these men concerned gambling. The frequently referred to the "Big Deal" in Cuba saying they had secured control of the Jockey Club, The National Casino, both in Havana and that they controlled all of the gambling in Cuba and that they expected to open a place in the Plaza Hotel in Havana. They also spoke of operating a place in Miami and I drove them in my Lincoln Sedan to look at several sites for a gambling place in Miami. One of the places I took them to was Broward County, Florida, where I showed them a big white house that had been erected for a Casino and which place is located opposite the dog track. On this trip we returned by the way of Miami Beach and I recall that when getting a sandwich there, that Harrison told the bartender that he, Harrison, formerly operated a saloon on Miami Beach; further that this place was located on Collins Ave and 23rd St. In connection with the proposed gambling site in Broward County we discussed this matter on several times and I even made a trip to Hollywood, Fla., to see a lawyer, whose name I don't recall, but who represented someone having a mechanics lien on this place. No further negotiations were entered by me or these men to my knowledge concerning this particular site.

During this particular period these men also told me that they had a gambling place in the north, as I recall in Ohio.

During this period, I also recall that Harrison and McDonald made a trip by air to Havana. "Sea Lion" stayed at the El Comodoro during the time they were gone.

On Harrison's return to Miami, and as I recall about 2 days before, he and "Sea Lion" checked out of the Hotel, Harrison came to me in my private office at the El Comodoro with a package, wrapped in newspaper. He told me there was a gun in the package and asked me if I would keep it until he returned. He mentioned that he was going back to Havana to close their deal in the Jockey Club and all the gambling. About 2 days after giving me the gun, Harrison and "Sea Lion" checked out of the Hotel unbeknown to me.

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I wish to say at this time also that during the time Harrison and "Sea Lion" were at the El Comodoro Hotel, Cash McDonald made frequent trips by air to Havana. He remarked once during this time that he made enough air trips to Havana to own the ship. He always carried a tan brief case at this time. I never saw the contents of it, but I do recall that whenever Cash McDonald returned from Havana, he with Harrison and "Sea Lion" went up to Harrison's room immediately. They at no time during this period mentioned anything except gambling and whiskey. They at no time mentioned the Bremer kidnaping case, nor the fact that they were exchanging money. They at no time during this period mentioned the names of the Barker-Karpis gang by name or by the aliases that I knew Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, as I will explain below.

With reference to the gun that I mentioned above and which was left with me by Harrison, several weeks after he left the El Comodoro, I spoke to T. C. Blackburn about this package asking him if he knew when Harrison would return to Miami. This was prior to Thanksgiving some time. I did not tell Blackburn what was in the package nor did I tell anyone else about it. Then about the middle of Dec. 1934, I saw Harrison in the lobby of the El Comodoro and I asked him when he was going to take the package he had left with me. He replied that he would call for it the next day, but he never did. From the time I received this gun in Sept. 1934, it remained wrapped in paper in my golf bag which was sitting in my office at the Hotel. Just before Xmas 1934, I had my office located on the main floor at the Hotel repainted. For this reason I moved my office temporarily to room 210 in the El Comodoro. I moved my golf bag up there placing it in the closet and at that time I thought of the gun in the golf bag. I took the package out and opened it when I recognized it as a machine gun of some kind. I also noticed that the manufacturers name on the gun, as well as other marks of identification had been chisled off of it. There were also several clips in the package all of which contained cartridges. The gun that has been shown to me by Special Agents Hanson and Jones appears to be the same gun that was left with me by Harrison. When I saw what kind of a gun this was, I put it back in the golf sack. Several days later, after debating what to do with the gun, I called Duke Randall to my office, showed him the gun after removing it from my golf bag, gave him the gun and the clips and told him to throw the gun and clips in the Bay. I did not tell him to have a box made for the gun or to check it in the check room at the El Comodoro Hotel. After this occasion, Duke Randall told me he had dumped the gun in the bay. I had never registered this gun with the Collector of Internal Revenue and had never taken any steps in connection with it in any manner except as has been described above.

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With reference to the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, I wish to say that I knew Alvin Karpis by the names of Waggoner and Green; that I knew Fred Barker by the name of T. C. Blackburn and Harry Campbell by the name of Summers. I wish to say that at this time that I did not know these men were Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell. I believe that these people were referred to the El Comodoro Hotel by Cash McDonald. When he was at Miami as I have explained above, McDonald told me that he would refer his friends to my hotel and that they would stop there enroute to Cuba. When Karpis as Waggoner came to the El Comodoro in about Sept or Oct 1934, he asked me if I knew Cash McDonald. He then introduced himself to me as Waggoner. Likewise when Fred Barker who I knew as T. C. Blackburn and Harry Campbell who I knew as Summers came to the Hotel they also spoke of Cash McDonald asking me if I knew him. As I recall at this time, Blackburn told me that Cash McDonald had sent me to the El Comodoro Hotel. These men when stopping at the El Comodoro Hotel were accompanied by Mrs. Kate Barker who had registered at the Hotel as Mrs. Ryan. She was represented by Blackburn as being his mother. Harry Campbell was accompanied by a woman on some of these occasions but I never saw her. Karpis, who I knew as Waggoner and Green, was accompanied by a young lady who was represented to be his wife and who I later noticed was pregnant. This entire group of people stopped at the El Comodoro at various intervals from Sept 1934 up until January 1935. Some time, some of them stayed as long as several weeks. During their stays I had frequent conversations with the men and they generally discussed gambling. They frequently spoke at this time of Cash McDonald, of how they were hooked up in gambling in Cuba, that Cash was to handle all of the dealings and that they were connected with the gambling in Ohio.

The first of several especial favors that I did for these people was in about November 1934, when I told Blackburn that I was going to Tennessee. He at that time asked me to get some automobile license plates for him there. I told him that I would try to do this. He at that time said he was a bootlegger. He gave me the description of his car which was a Buick Coupe. He also gave me the motor number of the car. When I got to Etowah, Tenn., I spoke to a friend who operates a garage there and whose name is Harry Cook. I gave him a description of Blackburn's car and told him I wanted to get license plates for T. C. Blackburn who was a bootlegger and that they should be mailed to Blackburn in my care at the El Comodoro Hotel. When the plates arrived in Miami, Blackburn was living at Ocklawaha, Fla., and I forwarded the plates to him there. Blackburn gave me three dollars with which to buy

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these plates. I wired him at Ocklawaha that I was forwarding these plates to him.

About the same time that I got Blackburn the license plates or perhaps a short time before that Blackburn came to me saying that he had made several trips over the State of Florida and that he was planning on renting a place at Orlando, Fla. Knowing that Carson Bradford had a place in that part of the State at Ocklawaha, Fla., located on Lake Wier, I spoke to Blackburn about it. He appeared to be interested and said that he would go there to look at it. I drew a map for him showing him the directions. This was done a regular road map. After Blackburn, Mrs. Ryan and Summers had been away on a trip they told me they had looked Bradford's place over and that they wanted to rent it. I then telephoned to Mr. Bradford telling him I had some people at the Hotel who would like to rent his summer house at Lake Wier. He replied that he would rent it for \$75.00 per month. Blackburn then agreed to rent it on a monthly basis. No papers were signed, nor was a lease drawn for the rental of this place. To my knowledge Bradford never met Blackburn, Green or Summers. While the Blackburns were at this house, I visited them there on one occasion. I drove up there alone in Duke Randall's Ford Coupe on that occasion and will explain my reason for making that trip below.

When they were at Bradford's place they asked me to have the newspapers sent to them. I never did do that, because I didn't want to be bothered with mailing the papers to them each day.

I also recall that one of my bell boys at the El Comodoro left my service and when he resigned he said he was going to Lake Wier to work for the Blackburns. After about a week this bell hop who is a negro and who is named Johnson came back to the Hotel saying he had left the Blackburn's employment. I gave him his job back.

Another thing that I did for Blackburn was to arrange for the purchase of some jewelry for him. As I recall, a day or two before Xmas, Blackburn with Waggoner was at the El Comodoro. They came to my private office on the second floor in the El Comodoro. I believe that I had met Blackburn and Waggoner in the lobby of the Hotel. Duke Randall was with me on this occasion. After the four of us had been talking for a while Blackburn said something about buying a Xmas present for his mother. I suggested to him that we could have some things sent to the Hotel. The four of us then went to my private office where we talked for a while and drank some beer. I then telephoned the Sutton Jewelry Co., told them who I was and that I was going to send a man down to get some jewelry from which to make a



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selection. I then asked them for some suggestions for a woman about Mrs Ryan's age. I also asked Duke Randall to go down to the Jewelry Co., to get the samples. I gave him one of my cards or a note to the Jewelry Co., instructing them to give the bearer the samples. When Duke returned with the jewelry, Blackburn selected a couple of diamond bar pins. As I recall the purchase price was less than \$200.00. Blackburn paid for the jewelry giving the money to Duke. I paid no attention to his bankroll. I recall that I telephoned Sutton for a reduction in the price of the jewels selected. Duke then returned the jewels not purchased and so far as I know paid for the articles that Blackburn decided to buy.

As I recall on this same day, Waggoner mentioned that he had been looking at a Buick automobile at the Ungar Agency and that he was going to buy a car. As they left my office I heard Waggoner and Randall talking about this purchase. I heard Waggoner ask Randall if he would buy the car for him. I recall that a purchase price of \$1400 was mentioned. I did not call anyone at the Ungar Buick Co., telling them that Waggoner was interested in the purchase of a Buick Car. Previously, however, Blackburn had told me that he was contemplating trading his Buick Coupe for a new car and at that time I told him that if he was going to buy a car that I would like to see him buy it from Ungar. I at that time telephoned Mr. Arthur Ungar telling him that a friend of mine from up in the country was planning to buy a new Buick and that I would like to have him take care of this friend. He promised to do so, but so far as I know Blackburn never bought a Buick from Ungar.

At this time I would like to say that so far as I know Alvin Karpis never used any names except Waggoner and Green. I did not know that he had used the name of Leroy Morrison nor did I know that he had purchased a Buick from Ungar. I do not know if Duke Randall purchased a car for Karpis. So far as I know Duke Randall knew Karpis by the names of Waggoner and Green.

In the first part of December 1934 when Karpis was stopping at the El Comodoro Hotel with his wife, he asked me to refer him to a physician for his wife who was pregnant. As I recall I telephoned Dr. F. O. Nichols telling him that one of my guests was coming over to see him. I don't recall if I gave him the name of Karpis who I knew as Waggoner at that time. So far as I know Dr. Nichols never called on Karpis'



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wife at the Hotel. I did not tell Dr. Nichols that these people were named Woods. I do not recall any conversation with Dr. Nichols about these people except that when I referred them to him I told him that these people had paid their hotel bills and that I thought they would be a good risk.

About the middle of December 1934 or perhaps shortly prior thereto, Waggoner spoke to me about renting a house saying that because his wife was pregnant, they wanted to get a quiet place. At that time he had several clippings from the newspapers concerning the rental of houses and had asked me about the locations of those houses. About this same time, a Mr. Thomas who races dogs at the West Flagler Dog Track had mentioned to me and Mr. T. R. Knight that he had a house to rent. The occasion for this was at a time when Mr. Thomas had met with us to discuss the purchase of the Biscayne Kennel Club. At that time he spoke about his house. Mr. Knight and I then drove by the place, and looked it over. At that time we had in mind the establishing of Mr. Thomas' financial worth rather than the renting of the home for him. However, when Waggoner talked to me about renting a home I thought of the Thomas place. As I recall I drove Mrs. Waggoner to the Thomas home. I am not certain but I believe Waggoner was also with us. Thomas had offered to rent the house for \$750.00 for the season and Waggoner agreed as to this price. I did not assist in drawing up the lease for the House. Waggoner, however, gave me \$750.00 to pay Thomas for the rent. Waggoner took this money from an envelope that he had in the El Comodoro Hotel vault. This money had been given to my by Waggoner along with some other money and was kept in an envelope in the Hotel vault for safe keeping, as is done with other guests. Waggoner had left this money there a few days prior thereto and had left it in his wife's name. The \$750.00 as I recall was in fives, tens and twenties. I also wish to say that Waggoner on several occasions asked for this envelope and took money from it. Mrs. Waggoner never called for the envelope to my knowledge.

On the day after the shooting at Ocklawaha, Fla., Duke Randall came to me at the El Comodora with the claim check for the Waggoner envelope and with a note from Mrs. Waggoner. Duke said that Mrs. Waggoner wanted \$1200.00. I got the envelope. At that time I said to him it was a shame about Bradford's house and that I ought to keep the money for repairs to it. At this time I had read in the papers about Blackburn being Fred Barker and that he was wanted for the Bremer kidnaping. I then realized that Waggoner and Summers were also wanted for the same thing. At this time or the next day or so I saw Waggoner's picture in the Miami Beach Tribune and realized that he

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was Karpis. At the time I gave Randall the \$1000.00 note I told him that if he was mixed up with these people he was getting himself in trouble. That night when I talked to Randall he told me he had seen Waggoner and Summers on the night of the shooting with this woman and that he had communicated with a friend in Atlantic City and that they were going up there. He also told me he had bought railway tickets for the girls to Atlantic City. I did not tell the police authorities about this; nor had I learned of Randall's assisting them until this time.

I also wish to say that after Waggoner first stopped at the El Comodoro he left the Ford Coupe he was driving in the parking lot in the rear of the Hotel. When he left he turned over to me the key for the car saying the registration papers were in the car and that the owner or Willie Harrison would come down and get the car. He said that if I wanted to use it that it would be OK and that if Harrison or the owner didn't come for it, I could sell it. After the car was on the lot for a few weeks I had it moved to the Biscayne Kennel Club. In the first part of November 1934, I told Duke Randall that he could use it. I gave him the money for the license plates. I told him the circumstances under which it was left with me and that it might be a stolen car but that if he wanted to use it and buy plates for it that it would be OK. He did this, and I frequently drove the car at this time. After I had turned the car over to Randall, Waggoner came back to the El Comodoro on several occasions. He asked about the car and in reply to the questions he put to me, I told him neither the owner nor Harrison had called for the car and that Randall had it. He said that rather than have Randall give it up, he would buy another car. That was all that was ever said about the car. I paid nothing for it.

I wish to say that I never got any money from this bunch of men except the Hotel business that I got from them.

I also wish to say that about the middle of Dec. 1934, I began to get suspicious of this group of men and the way they were acting. Because of this I told Randall to get rid of the gun that had been left with me also of the Ford Coupe. I further had Randall make a trip to Etowah, Tenn., to see Cook for the purpose of having the records fixed there on the license plate that I had secured for Blackburn so that they could not be traced to me. Randall made this trip and told me that this had been done.

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I was also suspicious of them because on a trip that Cash McDonald made to Miami in the latter part of December 1934, about Xmas time, when he came to the El Comodoro to see me and asked for Blackburn's and Waggoner's address, which I gave to him, in reply to my questions as to the identities of these persons, he changed the subject and evaded the questions I asked him. At this time I told Cash that I would telephone Waggoner to come over but he told me he was busy but would go by his place. Cash referred to Karpis as Waggoner. I never saw Cash McDonald, William Harrison or "Sea Lion" in the presence of Fred Barker, Karpis or Campbell, but from their conversations they spoke of each other as partners.

I wish to say here that after Randall got the thousand dollar bill from me as was explained above, there remained another thousand dollar bill. This is the bill that I turned over to Special Agents Jones and Hanson. I kept it to offer it to Mr. Bradford for repairs on his house, but he refused it. I offered it to him a day or two after the shooting at Ocklawaha, but when he refused it, I kept it until last Saturday when I gave it to the Special Agents mentioned above. I saw them put their marks of identification on it.

I also wish to say that on an occasion when I saw Cash McDonald in the latter part of Dec. 1934, after he had asked me where Waggoner was living he told me that he had been by Waggoner's place; at this time he also told me that a friend of his named Art, the last name being Hebebran or some such spelling, would contact me in the near future. He said that Art would stop at the Fleetwood Hotel, that he had been by the Hotel to see a Mr. Brennan or Drennan and told him to have Art get in touch with me. He also described Art as a gambler from Cleveland, that he was coming by plane from California and for me to cable him at an address in Havana when Art arrived. He gave me a cable address that I recall was something like Frederico Shackelford. Cash McDonald referred to Art as his partner and wanted me to meet him so that they could locate a gambling place in this vicinity. I recall that I asked McDonald if he wanted a place on Miami Beach and he told me that he didn't want to compete with the fellows there. He also mentioned having a meeting on South Miami Beach with a dozen or more fellows. I don't know what this meeting was about.

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After having had this statement read to me by Special Agent Hanson, I voluntarily affix my signature hereto, no promises having been made to me, nor any force exercised against me.

I also wish to add that after I got suspicious of these people, in the latter part of December, I made a trip to Ocklawaha to observe them at the Bradford home. Everything appeared to be regular there. Blackburn and his mother were there and there was nothing more to arouse my suspicions.

I also wish to say that several months ago when Waggoner was at the El Comodoro Hotel, he asked about a kidney man so I referred him to Dr. John Hall.

I voluntarily affix my signature hereto.

/s/ J. H. Adams

Witnesses:

R. L. Jones

J. H. Hanson,

Special Agents  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice."

Mr. T. R. Knight, Proprietor of the El Commodore Hotel, who is the father-in-law of Joseph H. Adams, and is also interested in the Biscayne Kennel Club advised that he did not know any of the members of the Barker-Karpis crowd, except that he recalls that persons whom he has since known to be Fred Barker, Kate Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, stopped at the Hotel under other names; that he paid no attention whatever to these people when they were at the Hotel and that he never noticed anything unusual about them, or about their relations with his son-in-law, Adams. He also stated that he knew nothing about Adams having rented the house at Oklawaha, nor about any of Adams' other activities in connection with this crowd of people. He stated that he does recall that last Fall Adams inquired of him whether it would be possible to rent the Embassy Club, stating that he did not know for whom Adams was making this inquiry. He further stated that he did not know Cassius McDonald whose photograph has been shown to him, nor William Harrison, nor Harry Sawyer, whose photographs also were exhibited to him.

Mr. Knight claims that the only time he ever went to the house at 1121 N. E. 85th Street, the place where Karpis resided, was on one occasion around December 1st, 1934, when he and Adams were talking to a Mr. Thomas, who was interested in the Biscayne Kennel Club, they learned that Thomas had a home in Miami, which he was anxious to rent. Knight stated that in view of the fact that both he and Joe Adams had apartments that they would consider renting out during the winter season, he thought that perhaps they could rent Thomas' house and that his family as well as Adams' family could live together there during the season. He stated that it was for this reason that he, accompanied by Adams went by the Thomas home to look it over.

L. E. Grey, Clerk at the El Commodore Hotel, stated that Special Agent Jerry Campbell had talked to him in November about the Karpis-Barker gang but he had not shown him any pictures; that Campbell showed him pictures of the gang on January 16, 1935; that he did not know Cash McDonald, Willie Harrison, or Harry Sawyer; that from eight to twenty guests on the average have money, in envelopes, which are kept in the hotel safe; that he does not recall having seen an envelope in the safe for anyone by the name of Green; Grey added that Mr. Sandercock was the man who handled most of the money in the same.

Mr. Gray, when interviewed by Special Agent Nichols, furnished him with the information set out below, but refused to sign the statement:

"Miami, Florida,  
February 2, 1935.

I, L. E. Gray, make the following voluntary statement to L. B. Nichols, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

On November 5, 1934, I started to work as a Desk Clerk at the El Comodoro Hotel. Around the latter part of November 1934 or the middle part of November Special Agent Campbell after registering at the Hotel came to me and made inquiries about Duke Randall, who was then residing at the Hotel. Campbell was accompanied by his roommate Mr. Hurt. I did not know anything about Randall then and could give them no information other than that he lived at the Hotel. I do not recall that they showed me any pictures of the Barker-Karpis gang, or that they make inquiries about them. This was the only time that they talked to me about anyone, except that they did make inquiries about Gregory I. Codomo. I was not impressed by the agents on this occasion as to the seriousness of the importance of the case, otherwise, I would have been on a closer lookout for the gang.

I do not recall anyone making further inquiries about the gang until Wednesday night January 16, 1935 when Agents Campbell and McKee registered at the Hotel after the shooting at Ocala, Florida. These men stated that they would like to see me later in their room and talk to me confidentially. I later went to their room, at which time Special Agent Brown was present. They showed me several pictures and I recognized the picture of Harry Campbell as having registered at the Hotel as Summers a few days previous; the picture of Kate Barker as being Mrs. Ryan who staid at the Hotel for sometime and Fred Barker as T. C. Blackburn, who also stayed at the Hotel, however, I cannot recall ever having identified the picture of Karpis as living in the Hotel, however, I believe that I have seen him around the lobby.

I first saw Blackburn and Mrs. Ryan on November 23, 1934 when they registered at the Hotel, I also saw Summers about that time with his wife whom I cannot identify. I told Agents Campbell and McKee that I had seen the above people and that their movements aroused my curiosity, but that their business was always a mystery to me.

On this same night Mr. Brown asked me to assist them in locating the people whose pictures were shown to me, and that I would be rewarded for any information or assistance that would lead to their apprehension. Later that night I mentioned this conversation with agents to Mr. Wilson, Manager of the Dinning Room and Bar of the Hotel, and Wilson advised me to see Mr. Bob Knight, about the inquiries made by agents. I told Wilson that the agents were stopping in the house and he told Mr. Knight.

At about 1 A. M. that night (1/17/34) I went to Mr. Knight who had already been informed by Wilson of my conversation with Agents. I told Mr. Knight that I thought the Government had connected Mr. Adams with the Gangs activities in Miami, Fla., and that I thought that Mr. Adams should know that the agents had connected him with the Gangs activities in Florida, as I thought that Mr. Adams knew them only as Hotel Guests. Mr. Knight suggested that I wait until morning to tell Mr. Adams.

On the following morning (Thursday 1/17/35) I saw Mr. Adams, but since he did not mention the matter to me, I presumed that either Mr. Knight or Mr. Wilson had already seen him and hence I did not discuss my conversation with the Agents with him. When discussing the conversation with Mr. Knight, I told him in detail what the agents told me. At which time Mr. Knight stated that he did not know how I could furnish any information as he was sure that Joe Adams could furnish no information about the gang and had no contact with them.

On Thursday night Mr. Brown came to the Hotel and since I had talked to Messrs. Knight, Wilson and Adams, after the agents had asked me to keep their inquiries confidential I did not wish to place myself in a position where they

could contact me again, and I did not go over to where Mr. Brown was sitting, but remained behind the Hotel Desk. I was not sure that Brown had come to the Hotel to see me, however, I presumed that he waited in the lobby to see me. Before he left he came by the desk and cordially spoke to me in passing.

On Friday night Jan. 18, 1935, Mr. Brown came to the Hotel again, and sat down in the lobby along side of me, and after a few words not relative to the matter above Brown asked me if I had any information, and I suggested that we take a walk, at which time I stated to Agent Brown, after he asked, "I suppose that you have talked to Mr. Adams", that I had talked to Mr. Adams, Mr. Brown did not comment on this, I then told him that I desired that he talk to Mr. Adams personally, at which time Mr. Brown stated that he would arrange to have an Agent interview Mr. Adams the following day. I also told Mr. Brown, that I had secured certain information concerning Mr. Adams financial status which lead me to believe that he was not receiving Money from the gang, as he did not indicate in his business affairs that he was receiving any money from outside sources.

Mr. Adams has never questioned me about my conversation with the agents, and our remarks concerning this conversation have been more or less fragmentary. I do not know whether Mr. Adams has been informed of my conversation with Mr. Knight and Mr. Wilson, regarding what I told them concerning inquiries made by Special Agents.

While members of the gang were staying at the Hotel I did not see them contact anyone connected with the Hotel and I knew them only as Hotel Guests, and in my first conversation with the above mentioned agents, I told them that I had at no time seen them with Joe Adams and did not know that he knew them other than as Hotel Guests.

On one occasion I did see Mrs. Wagner, in the Dining Room of the Hotel, at which time she was dining with N. H. Heller, who made at least two visits to the Hotel in December.

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I have read the foregoing statement consisting of pages 1, 2, & 3, and it is true to my best recollection.

Witness:

L. B. Nichols  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala.

(Note by Mr. Nichols: Gray refused to sign the above statement, stating that while it was the truth, he desired to explain certain portions in greater detail and asked to consult Mr. Bob Knight, he was advised by Agent that Mr. Knight had no connection with the contents of the statement, in that the contents were a matter between Gray and the Government. The statement was first written in longhand and Gray made a few corrections himself, and then told Agent that he would sign it after it was typed, and then refused as indicated above. It is believed that Gray was not telling all he knew as he was very nervous and assigned first for his reason in telling Knight about his conversation with Agents that he had decided to be loyal to Adams.)

Arthur Sandercock, Clerk at the El Comodoro Hotel, stated that a party named Green did have a money envelope in the safe, that the same was given him by Joe Adams to put in the safe; that he did not know the amount contained in the envelope.

Joe Adams when interviewed also furnished Special Agent J. H. Hanson with a receipt by the Florida Reptile Institute, Silver Springs, Florida, dated 12-2-34, indicating that T. C. Blackburn of Oklawaha, Florida, had paid the amount of \$20.00 for the purpose of having an eight point deer head mounted to be sent to Mr. Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida. This receipt is being retained in the Jacksonville, Florida.

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Adams also furnished to Special J. H. Hanson one of the Safety Deposit envelopes used by the El Comodoro Hotel for its guests who desire to deposit money or valuables for safe keeping. This envelope is being retained in the Jacksonville file and will be available to the United States Attorney at Miami, at the time of the trial of this case if he desires it.

Special Agent L. B. Nichols prepared the following memorandum on January 27, 1935:

Agent made a thorough search of the vault of the El Comodoro Hotel for papers or deposit envelopes left by subjects with negative results.

Arthur Sandercock, Office Clerk, El Comodoro Hotel, advised that if a deposit is made with the Hotel that it is entered on the daily register and account card and credits are made to guests accounts and deductions likewise made on the daily account cards. That if money is left with the Hotel as valuable it is placed in an envelope and deposited in the Hotel Vault. A search through the daily registration and account cards reflects that all transactions subjects had with the Hotel was on a cash basis.

An examination of the records of the El Comodoro Hotel as produced by Sandercock reflects as follows:

G. L. Summers and T. C. Blackburn registered at the El Comodoro Hotel from St. Charles, Ill., on 9-29-34, and remained in room 811 until 10-6-34 when they were transferred to room 1005. That on 10-20-34 they had a guest whose name could not be ascertained, who remained with Summers and Blackburn until 10-21-34. That Summers and Blackburn checked out on 11-7-34. During this period the daily account cards show that on 9-29-34 a telephone call was made from room 811 to 2-3573 as indicated by the daily entries on the telephone report sheets made by the operator, Anne Covington, 2436 N. W. 7th Street, Miami, Florida. Mr. Dixon office manager of the telephone Company advised that telephone number 2-3573 is in the name of Mrs. Jas. C. Battery, 149 N. E. 15th Street, Miami, Florida. Mr. Dixon was of the opinion that this is a house of prostitution.

The daily account cards further indicate that on 10-25-34 a telegram was sent from room 1005 occupied by Summers and Blackburn, costing \$1.05. With reference to this telegram Mr. Johnson, Manager, of the Western Union Telegraph Company advises after checking all telegrams sent from the El Comodoro Hotel on that date that he is unable to find any purporting to be sent by subjects. This Agent likewise checked the telegrams with negative results.

The daily account cards for room 1005 also reflect that on 11-6-34 a long distance telephone call was made costing \$4.45. The daily telephone report sheets reflect that this call was made to Harrison 3332, Chicago, Ill. The price of the call indicates that it was a station to station call made between 4:30 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. as the local rate from Miami to Chicago is \$4.25 plus 20¢ tax, which would make the \$4.45 charge. A further notation on the daily telephone report sheet indicates that the parties talked two minutes. It should also be noted that Summers and Blackburn checked out the day following this telephone call.

Information concerning this call was given to Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley at Chicago by Special Agent in Charge Hanson telephonically.

The cards also reflect that \$40.00 cash was given to Summers and Blackburn on 11-6-34 which was returned on 11-7-34 when they checked out and paid for their bill in cash. No further information of value is to be found on the daily account forms.

The arrival and departure book reflects that W. J. Harrison checked into the El Comodoro Hotel on 9-1-34 from Cleveland, Ohio, at which time he registered for himself and party of three occupying rooms 1004 and 1005 until 9-12-34 at which time the departure column indicates only two people checked out with Harrison. Only one telephone call was made from these rooms during this period to 2-7205 on 9-7-34, which number it was ascertained through inquiry at the telephone company is listed in the name of Cleve Bokar, 406 N. E. 13th Street, Miami, Florida, who is a wholesale beer dealer. No records at the Hotel indicated the identity of the other members in the party.

The records above referred to reflect that on 9-30-34, a Mrs. G. E. Ryan registered, from South Bend, Ill., at the El Comodoro and was assigned to room 907 until 10-6-34 when she was moved to room 1004 which she occupied until 11-7-34. The daily account cards

indicate that 10-31-34 a local telephone call was made, no record of which could be found on the daily telephone reports. A charge was made on 10-24-34 of \$35.00 for a ticket. The arrival and departure book also reflects that on 11-23-34 T. C. Blackburn and Mrs. Ryan registered from St. Charles, Ill. at the El Comodoro Hotel where they were assigned rooms 904 and 905, where they remained until 11-25-34, no charges appear on the card other than a charge for 15¢ for papers.

The files of the El Comodoro further reflect that T. C. Blackburn and Mrs. G. E. Ryan registered at the Hotel on 12-8-34 where they remained until 12-11-34. No other information of value appears in the Hotel records.

Examination of the departure and arrival lists and daily account cards reflect that G. F. Summers and wife registered at the El Comodoro Hotel on 11-25-34 and were assigned to room 905 where they remained until 12-11-34. The daily account cards carry a charge of \$2.25 for phone calls, examination of the daily telephone report fails to show any phone calls being made from room 905 on 11-30-34, the date upon which the charge was made. The above records also reflect that Summers and wife returned to the El Comodoro Hotel on 1-13-35 and remained until 1-14-35 being assigned to room 705.

The records further indicate that on 10-19-34 H. C. Waggoner registered at the El Comodoro Hotel and was assigned to room 718, until 10-20-34, when he checked out. Waggoner registered from Atlanta, Georgia.

On 11-14-34 Mrs. E. M. Wagner registered at the El Comodoro Hotel from "City" and was assigned to room 1005 where she remained until 11-18-34. Regarding the registration of Mrs. Wagner it should also be noted that N. H. Heller, Havana, Cuba, registered with Mrs. Wagner on 11-14-34 and was assigned to room 1004, where he remained until 11-20-34 as a guest of the Hotel. Reference will be made in another portion of this report to Heller's contacts with this gang. Heller also registered at the Hotel on 12-5-34 where he remained until 12-7-34 as a guest of the Hotel.

From a comparison of the registrations and specimens of handwritings of subjects in this case it would appear that Mrs. E. M. Wagner is Dolores Delaney; G. F. Summers is Harry Campbell; H. C. Waggoner is Alvin Karpis; and T. C. Blackburn is Fred Barker.

It should be noted that subjects when registering at the El Comodoro Hotel were always assigned to rooms 705, 904, 905, 1004 or 1005, except on two occasions, namely when they registered first on 9-29-34, and when Karpis registered as H. C. Waggoner on 10-19-34, at which time 1004 and 1005 was occupied, and was only a day before The American Legion Convention in Miami, Florida. It should also be noted that the 04 and 05 rooms are situated on the Southwest corner of the Hotel, with the 04 rooms facing the corridor leading to the fire escape, and which communicates with the 05 room.

The registration cards referred to above are being retained in the file of the Jacksonville Office.

Special Agent L. B. Nichols also submitted the following memorandum on 2-3-35:

The records of the El Comodoro Hotel were rechecked and no additional information was secured. A comparison of the registrations of R. H. Brown, who came to the Hotel 12-9-34 and left 12-16-34, was made with handwriting specimens of subjects and it is thought that Brown's writing is not identical with subjects.

Arthur Sandercock advised that the best recollection he has of the time when Green's envelope appeared in the vault was sometime around Christmas and that he believes it could have been anytime between the middle of December and Christmas.

L. H. Gray identified his initial on the registration cards of Mr. and Mrs. Summers 1/13/35; T. C. Blackburn on 12/3/35; Mrs. G. E. Ryan on 12-8-34. Gray further advised that cards bearing the letter "C" were handled by Mr. Cabell, Night Clerk of the El Comodoro.

Gray furnished valuable information indicating that Joe Adams had knowledge of identity of subjects before they left Miami, Florida. However, he refused to sign a typewritten statement that was prepared from a rough draft that he approved. It is believed that Gray has further information of value, but that he is afraid of his job. Further information regarding this interview will be reported at a later date.

Joe Adams advised that he saw Willie Harrison and Cash McDonald around Christmas or shortly after, at which time he asked Willie to call "for that package" (the Browning Gun) at which time Willie said he would be around for it the next day. Adams denied having any knowledge of a meeting at Macon, Georgia, on January 5, 1935 of Doc Barker, Slim Gray and other members of the mob.

Adams further advised that while he was driving Cash McDonald around town endeavoring to help him locate a gambling site, Cash stated that he desired to stay away from the South Beach as he didn't want to enter into competition with his friend George Carter. Adams further stated that George Carter runs the gambling house on the corner of the Pier leading to Minsky's Burlesque, on the second floor above "The Jewish Home Cooking Restaurant". That Carter operates between South Beach and Broward County where he also has another gambling house at Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale. Adams stated that there was a possibility that Cash could be located around Carter's Place.

Danny McFarland, advised Special Agent P. C. Dunne and this Agent, that he knows Willie Harrison well, but has never had any use for him, for which reason he would be only too glad to assist the Division in apprehending him. He also stated that the last time he saw Willie was last August in Chicago, when he (Danny) was endeavoring to promote a Dog Track and Willie asked him for employment. With reference to Willie, McFarland advised that he was well known in Hammond, Ind. and Calumet City; that he spends a lot of time in Donovan's Saloon, 1000 East 79th Street, Chicago, Ill; and that he knows he spends a lot of time around Benton Harbor and St. Joe, Michigan, and is well known at the Witcomb Hotel, St. Joe, Ind. Danny further advised that he knows Cash McDonald only by sight, and has never met him. That last Sunday while he was eating in the evening at Curley's place on the Beach, a man came to a table occupied by four people and addressed an elderly, dignified man as Cash, whereupon the other people eating at Curley's looked around, as if "Jack Dempsey had just arrived."

McFarland advised that Joe Adams is a very good friend of his and if catching Harrison or McDonald would help Joe he would do everything in his power to locate them and advise Agents. McFarland further stated that if he called he would give the name of "Daniel David". The above information regarding Harrison was forwarded to Mr. E. J. Connelley by letter.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, having advised of certain papers found among the effects of the Barkers at Oklawaha, pertaining to business houses in Miami, Florida, an investigation was conducted pertaining to these and the following was ascertained:

- No. 1. Reference to a receipt from the Miami Optical Company. Dr. Keller of the Miami Optical Company, produced his records and disclosed that Mrs. G. E. Ryan purchased a pair of glasses, the following are the numbers of the glasses, O U plus 3.50 plus 2.50 Optik Soft Light No. 1. The records also disclose that Mrs. Ryan paid the bill \$28.00 on 11-2-34, and gave her address as the El Comodoro Hotel. Mr. Keller identified the photo of Kate Barker as Mrs. Ryan.
- No. 2. The records of the Miami Radio Service, 104 West Flagler Street, Miami, as produced by Mrs. A. H. Dillard, reveal that on 11-6-34 Mrs. Barker, alias Mrs. J. E. Rhyne and Freddie Barker bought a portable Philco Radio Model 66 B Serial No. F 74590 and that they paid cash, \$39.90, and took the set with them to the El Comodoro Hotel.
- No. 3. Mr. Roy Jordan, Manager, Sports Department, Railey-Milam Company, 27 W. Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, stated that he remembered selling a .22 Cal. Rifle, 63 Model for \$33.40, 1 box cartridges \$1.80 and some gun oil 35¢ to Mr. T. C. Blackburn; who paid cash and later called for the gun himself. Mr. Jordan stated that Blackburn fitted the description of Freddie Barker. The date of the sale was 11-5-34.
- No. 4. Mr. G. C. Henson, Service Salesman, Ungar Buick Sales, stated that the initials P. C. Blackburn were the ones given to him on 10-22-34 by Blackburn. The Buick car serviced by the Ungar Sales was a 1934 Coupe, and the bill was paid in cash. Mr. Henson believes that Campbell was with Blackburn on the day of the service job.
- No. 5. Mrs. John Willett, 3044 S. W. 26th Street, Miami, whose card was found among the effects of Kate Barker, stated that she did not know Kate Barker's photo and could not account for the card being in her possessions, except that she might have given it to Kate Barker during a conversation in the Park, which she frequently visited with her sickly husband. Mrs. Willett is a German woman and is very foreign in her conversation.



Donald Baumgardner of Baumgardner Bros. U-Drive-It, 14 S.W. 1st Street, advised Agents that all members of their organization distributed their cards rather promiscuously and he cannot understand how one of their cards could have gotten in the possession of Fred Barker, unless he picked it up some place.

Special Agents Dunne and Nichols mingled with the crowds at Hialeah Park where Willie Harrison has been seen with negative results.

Information having also been obtained from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, to the effect that Fred Barker had claimed that his mother, Kate, was interested in the Biscayne Kennel Club, Mr. J. H. Burghardt, 224 Venetian Arcade Bldg., was interviewed and he stated that he was the bookkeeper for the Biscayne Kennel Club; that he made the entries of all the stockholders, the names of whom are on file in the Office of the Biscayne Kennel Club. None of the names appearing thereon were identical with the names of Kate Barker or her known aliases.

Burghardt also claimed that he did not know Kate Barker and he failed to identify her photograph. He also claimed that he did not know how his name or business card came into the possession of Fred Barker.

A list of the stockholders of the Biscayne Kennel Club is attached to a memorandum prepared by Special Agent Going, which is on file in the Jacksonville Office.

Information having been obtained from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, to the effect that it was known that Nate Weisenburg, who is stopping at the Fleetwood Hotel, on Miami Beach, is a friend of the contacts of the Barker-Karpis Gang in Cleveland, an appropriate inquiry was made at that Hotel, which resulted in learning that none of the subjects being sought in this case were known there, or were known to have been in contact with Weisenburg. The records of the Hotel indicate that Weisenburg arrived there with his wife and daughter January 12, 1935; that his address is shown as 3558 Raymont Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. A check of Weisenburg telephone calls indicated that he had telephoned to Harrison 3800 Chicago, Ill. on several occasions. Further that he had telephoned to Kenamore 1483 in Cleveland, Ohio. This information in a telephone conversation with the Chicago Office was conveyed to Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd. Other calls placed by Weisenburg were of a local nature, made to Hotels in Miami, for which reason the numbers are not being listed.



Mr. W. E. Fox, Probation Officer, United States District Court, having communicated with the Division, advised that he had information concerning Karpis. He was contacted and advised that the information he had pertained to data that had been given him by Paul Green, Dick Evans and Charlie Thomas, known bootleggers and gamblers.

It might be mentioned that previous to the interview with Mr. Fox, Paul Green, a gambler residing at 2500 Biscayne Boulevard, had been contacted as a result of a telephone call that he had placed to the Division, advising that he was also in possession of information concerning Karpis.

The information furnished by Green and his associates pertains to the rental of the house at 1121 N. E. 85th Street, to Karpis, Dick Evans being a brother-in-law of Thomas who had rented the house.

These gentlemen also talked at length concerning gamblers representing the syndicates in the North muscling in on the local gamblers in Miami. They furnished the names of some of these so called representatives, which information was conveyed telephonically to Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley at Philadelphia, and a report submitted by the Philadelphia Office, indicates that those persons were unknown to that Office. In view of this fact no further reference is being made to the names of these individuals.

It might also be mentioned that Green as well as his two partners were contacted frequently by the Agents working in Miami in an effort to secure information with reference to Willie Harrison and Harry Sawyer, as well as Cassius McDonald. No information was secured from this source but they will communicate with the Jacksonville Office should they secure information as to Harrison and Sawyer.

Inquiry was also made at the Dorn Hotel in Miami, Florida, where it was known that Byron Bolton had stopped, but Mr. J. D. Dorn, the Owner of the Hotel, who verified the stay of Bolton there from 12-24-34 to 1-10-35, was unable to identify the photographs of any of the subjects of this case, with the exception of W. M. Harrison, stating also that the Boltons had no visitors with the exception of a visit by a man, whom it is believed was Harrison,

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All of these persons, some of whom are underworld characters advised that they knew or had heard of William Harrison and Cassius McDonald. They promised their co-operation and they were informed that William Harrison and Harry Sawyer were fugitives from the United States Government.

Through their informants they attempted to secure information concerning these persons but were unsuccessful in doing so, none of them securing anything that would indicate that Harrison or Sawyer or McDonald had been seen in Miami or vicinity subsequent to the information already obtained that has been outlined above, and which will be explained further below.

It might also be mentioned at this time that after the receipt of information from Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, to the effect that there had been found at Oklawaha, Florida, a card of Chez Sherry's, The Moorish Castle, corner 54th Street, off Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida, with the pencil notation on the card, bearing the name of "Polly", and the further fact that Mr. Connelley had advised that Wynona Burdette had informed him that Harry Campbell had admitted cheating and playing with a girl at the Silver Slipper Night Club, inquiry was made at both of these places; the Moorish Castle being a well known house of prostitution, where the inmates are frequently changed. Photographs of the entire Barker-Karpis crowd were displayed to the girls none of whom were able to identify any of the subjects.

Inquiry at the Silver Slipper Night Club resulted in learning that there is a hostess at that place named Miss Vera Headley, 1520 N. W. 7th Court, Miami, Florida, who sometime uses the name of "Patsy". She identified the photographs of Harrison and Campbell as having been at the club on three successive nights, as she recalled, during the American Legion Convention, from October 21, to 26, 1934. She stated that she acted as a hostess at their table during these three nights; that one of the

men claimed to be from South Carolina, and the other claimed to be a gambler from Chicago. She failed to recall the names they were using and stated that the men attempted to persuade her to accompany them to the El Comodoro Hotel, which she refused to do.

She mentioned that the two men had many bills of \$100.00 denomination and spent large amounts of money at the Club. She as well as the owner of the Club, Don Lanning and Jim Eviston, the latter two were also shown photographs of the members of the mob who are now fugitives, appeared to be very co-operative and stated that they would notify the Jacksonville Office if they should secure any additional information as to these individuals.

After information had been secured as to the identity of Cassius McDonald from Joe Adams and McDonald's connection with this case, numerous efforts were made to locate him in Miami, the informants who have been previously mentioned, being used for this purpose, as well as a check of the Hotels where he was known to have stopped. The detailed information as to the check of the Hotels where he stopped is being set out below.

It might be mentioned that the garages of these Hotels were checked for record of his automobile, inasmuch as the Detroit Office had telephonically advised that McDonald was driving a 1934 Packard Sedan, bearing 1934 Michigan license plates No. 40-482.

About 1:00 A. M. on January 28, 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown in Havana, Cuba, advised of McDonald's connections with the instant case in Havana, stating that information was being developed that McDonald had cashed some of the ransom money in Havana, further advising that McDonald had been arrested in Havana on January 19, 1935 by Cuban Officials as an undesirable alien, after complaint had been made that he had swindled an individual of \$10,000.00.

Brown advised that McDonald had the reputation of being a confidence man in Havana and that it was reported that two years ago he had swindled a Canadian out of \$180,000.00.

In connection with the arrest in January of this year Brown advised that McDonald had been released through the co-operation of the United States Consular General at Havana.

Brown also advised that he had ascertained that McDonald and his wife had departed from Havana by boat on the night of

January 24, 1935, arriving in Miami, Florida, on January 25, 1935.

Immediately a check was made when this information was received at the Everglades, McAllister and El Comodoro Hotel, with a view to locating McDonald, but no record could be found of his registration. Likewise a check was made of the garages of these Hotels, for the purpose of locating his automobile. The check was negative, although information was received from the steamship company, as well as the customs service, of the fact that McDonald had arrived in Miami on the morning of the 25th.

At the Packard Motor Company it was ascertained from Mr. H. C. Presley, Service Manager, Packard Motor Company that a Mrs. E. G. McDonald had called for her Packard Sedan, Motor No. 377912, on January 25, 1935, which car had been left for storage at that garage on January 7, 1935; further that repairs had been made to it, the parts having been furnished by Mr. Henry Whiting, Jefferson Avenue, Branch Packard Sales Company, Detroit, Michigan.

While conducting the investigation at the Packard Motor Company, Messrs. H. C. Presley, W. R. Becker, owner of the Company, and R. W. Wilkinson, Acting Manager, all identified the photograph of Harry Sawyer as a person who had been in the garage recently, at which time he was driving a Model 1200 Black, 1935 Packard Standard Sedan, bearing New Jersey license tags. The man whom they identified as Sawyer claimed that he was having trouble with the differential, requesting to have it fixed, but when he was informed that the car had passed the warranty period, Sawyer declined to have the repairs made.

Upon receipt of this information a telegram was dispatched to the Philadelphia Office, requesting that New Jersey automobile Registration Bureau be checked to determine if there is a record of Sawyer having a Packard registered in that State, but the Philadelphia Office advised that there was no record of such a registration.

The Detroit Office in a telephone conversation with Special Agent E. M. Black, was also advised of this fact, and it was suggested that if it could be done that a check be made of the records of the Packard Motor Company for this purpose.

At the Everglades Hotel, Miss C. J. Morton, who is the auditor, and custodian of the records, advised that the files show that Mr. and Mrs. E. G. McDonald, 711 Hammond Bldg., Detroit, Michigan, checked into Room 1113 on December 24, 1934. They were checked into the Hotel by Miss Mary Shields, Clerk.

These records further show that on December 30, 1934, McDonald checked out, and that on January 7, 1934, Mrs. McDonald checked out.

The records at the Everglades further reflect that C. M. McDonald, 711 Hammond Bldg., Detroit, Michigan, checked into Room 1302 on September 2, 1934 for one day checking out on September 3, 1934. Miss Thelma Lawson, Clerk at the Hotel checked him in.

It might be mentioned that no telephone calls were made from the above two rooms during the above mentioned periods.

At the McAllister Hotel, Mr. James Tinely is the auditor and has custody of the records, which reflect that C. M. McDonald, 711 Hammond Bldg., Detroit, Michigan, checked into room 930 on September 1st, 1934, checking out on September 2, 1934. The clerk who checked McDonald in on this occasion is Roy Stager, who can be located at the Hotel.

The records of the McAllister further reflect that C. M. McDonald, 711 Hammond Bldg., Detroit, Michigan, checked in to this Hotel on September 6, 1934, and out on September 9, 1934. He again occupied the same room, namely No. 930. The Clerk who checked him in on this occasion was Thiel Efferson.

No telephone calls were of record at the McAllister Hotel, although there was a record of a charge of 76¢ having been made for a telegram. Upon making inquiry in connection with the telegram it was learned that on September 1, 1934, a telegram was sent from McDonald to Mrs. C. M. McDonald, Phone Lennox 2258, Detroit, Michigan, the message reading:

"Arrived safely love  
Mack"

It might also be mentioned at this time that through Jose Medina, Special Investigation of the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Bureau, who is a Cuban, and was a former Inspector of Police

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in Havana, Cuba, who stated that he had learned from a Cuban, who was a confidence man, that the people residing at 418 N. E. 25th Street, Miami, Florida, who drove a Dodge Sedan bearing 1934 Michigan plates, No. 57-754, were people engaged in the confidence racket.

This place was put under surveillance and the Detroit Office was requested to advise the name of the persons to whom these license plates were issued.

In view of the developments set out below no further mention is being made of this investigative activity.

It might also be mentioned at this time that efforts were made to trace telephone calls from the room occupied by William Harrison and Harry Swayer, at the El Comodoro Hotel, as well as the one occupied by Karpis, but the calls were to various Hotels, business houses, and no information of value was secured.

It might also be mentioned at this time that the Jacksonville Office has placed a wanted notice for William Harrison and Harry Sawyer with the Division of Immigration and Naturalization at Jacksonville, Florida.

It might also be mentioned that it was learned at the Miami Police Department that the Colts .45 Automatic Pistol, No. C-112311, which was recovered from Duke Randall, and which weapon Merle Rolfe of the Rolfe Armored Service, Inc., claimed was the property of his Company, was not of record with the Police Department, this information being secured from Mr. E. W. Melchen. A letter is being directed to the Colt Company to secure additional information concerning this gun with a view to tracing it.

Information having been received telephonically from Special Agent R. D. Brown, who is conducting a complete investigation in this case in Havana, concerning the connection of Nathaniel H. Heller with Karpis, indicating that Heller had performed various personal services for Karpis, including the securing of a home, purchase of an automobile, household equipment and groceries, and also concerning the activities of Cassius McDonald, whom Brown has advised can be positively identified as having exchanged some of the ransom money in Havana, some of which having been recovered there, this information was conveyed to Assistant United States Attorney Granling, who on the basis of it, secured indictments against McDonald and Heller as will be outlined below.



A detailed report of Special Agent Brown's investigative activities will also be submitted within the immediate future, being the subject of a separate report.

In connection with the activities of Heller, the attention of the United States Attorney is invited to his registrations at the El Comodoro Hotel as are outlined above.

For the purpose of securing additional information as to his connections with the gang, as well as concerning Cassius McDonald's connections with William Harrison, a check was made at the Pan-American Airways, all sailings between Miami and Havana, between the dates of September 1, 1934 to December 30, 1934, being checked. The information obtained concerning the date of travel, the ship, and the employee of the Pan-American Company, who sold the ticket, is set out in separate paragraphs below.

It might be mentioned at this time that the daily schedule for the Pan-American Airways, is that its ships leave Miami at 8:00 A. M. arrive in Havana at 10:15 A. M. Returning they leave Havana at 3:00 P. M. and arrive in Miami at 5:15 P. M.

All of the employees of the Pan-American Airways, who are mentioned below, can be reached through its terminal at Coconut Grove, Florida, with the exception of Miguel A. Rodriguez, who is located with that Company in Havana, Cuba.

The record shows the following:

On 9-2-34, Cassius McDonald, purchased round trip ticket, No. A. R. 32715, traveling to Havana, his weight and personal history at the time of departure being recorded by J. F. Aquine, the ticket being sold by Porter Norris, the trip being made in the NC 752-V, the Southern Clipper.

On 9-2-34, Cassius McDonald, returned to Miami, Florida, on the unused portion of the above ticket. Weight and personal history being recorded by M. A. Rodriguez, Jr.

On 9-6-34, Cassius McDonald, purchased round trip ticket, No. A. R. 32471, traveling to Miami, Florida, his weight and personal history being recorded by G. D. Grossmar, the ticket being sold by Antonio Montens, Jr., the trip being made in the NC-80-V, the American Clipper.



On 9-9-34, Cassius McDonald, returned to Havana, Cuba, on the unused portion of the above ticket. weight and personal history record was made by J. F. Aquine, the trip being made in the American Clipper.

On 9-11-34, Cassius McDonald, purchased ticket No. AR 32445, traveling from Havana, to Miami, his weight and personal history being recorded by M. A. Rodriguez, traveling on Ship No. NC-752-V - Southern Clipper.

On 9-9-34, William Harrison, purchased round trip ticket No. AR 32731, traveling from Miami to Havana, his weight and personal history being recorded by J. F. Aquine, the ticket being sold by Porter Norris, the trip being made in the NC-80-V - American Clipper.

On 9-11-34, William Harrison, returned to Miami, Florida, on the unused portion of the above ticket, weight and personal history being recorded by M. A. Rodriguez, Jr., trip being made on the NC-752-V- Southern Clipper.

On 10-24-34, Clarence W. Summers, purchased a round trip ticket, No. A. R. 33297, traveling from Miami to Havana, his weight and personal history being recorded by J. F. Aquina, ticket being sold by Frank Longshore, the trip being made in the NC 663-M. Name not given.

On 10-25-34, Clarence W. Summers, returned to Miami, Florida on the unused portion of the above ticket, weight and personal history being recorded by R. Alvarez Conot, trip being made on the NC-663-M.

On 10-25-34, Mary Ryan, purchased a ticket, No. AR33302, traveling from Miami to Havana, weight and personal history being recorded by J. F. Gutierrez, ticket being sold by Frank Longshore, the trip being made in the NC-80-V, American Clipper.

On 10-26-34 Agnes Wagner, purchased a round trip ticket, No. AR 32915, traveling from Miami to Havana, weight and personal history being recorded by J. F. Aquino, ticket being sold by Practical Travels Bureau, the trip being made in the NC-80-V - American Clipper.

On 10-28-34, Agnes Wagner, returned to Miami, Florida, on the unused portion of the above ticket, the trip being made on the same ship.

On 11-6-34, Fred T. Wagner, purchased ticket No. AA 24030, traveling from Miami to Havana, weight and personal history being recorded by J. F. Aquine, ticket being sold by Porter Norris, trip being made in NC-667-M.

On 11-18-34, Dolores Wagner, purchased ticket No. AR33884, traveling to Havana, from Miami, weight and personal history being recorded by J. F. Aquine, ticket being sold by Mitchell's Tourist Agency, trip being made in NC-81-V - Caribbean Clipper.

On 12-7-34, Nathaniel Heller, purchased ticket No. AAL6685, traveling from Miami to Havana, weight and personal history being recorded by J. F. Aquine, ticket being sold by Mitchell Tours, trip being made in the NC-81-V - Caribbean Clipper.

It might also be mentioned that the Pan-American Airways secures from its passengers a record of certain information required by the Immigration authorities, this being called Form PAA T. H. and these records are in the possession of Miss Inez Stowe, 44 Biscayne Boulevard, the main office of the Pan-American Airways.

Information obtained as to the passengers mentioned above, namely Cassius McDonald and William Harrison, is as follows:

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| Name       | Cassius McDonald               |
| Age        | 48                             |
| Weight     | 182                            |
| Occupation | Engineer                       |
| Address    | 711 Hammond, Detroit, Michigan |

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|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Name           | William Harrison            |
| Weight         | 157                         |
| Age            | 34                          |
| Marital Status | Single                      |
| Occupation     | Golf Professional           |
| Address        | 4539 Gibson, St. Louis, Mo. |

It might be mentioned at the present time a check is being made of the records of the United States Customs Service, United States Immigration and Naturalization Service for supporting documentary evidence pertaining to the trips made by the persons above mentioned. If this data is received prior to this report being typed, it will be incorporated herein, otherwise it will be made the subject of a separate report.

On February 3, 1935, when Special Agent Hanson was in Havana, Cuba, at the time of his departure he was introduced by Mr. Miller D. George, undercover man at the U. S. Customs Service, to a Mr. Jacobo Lebo, formerly associated with Fenner and Beane, broker in Havana, who advised that he was acquainted with Cassius McDonald, who in March, 1934, had sold to the Fenner and Beane Organization in Havana, \$25,000.00 worth of Liberty bonds, McDonald having been introduced to the Havana, Office by means of a letter from Mr. John McLean, Traveling Manager of Fenner and Beane.

As a result of this information inquiry was made of Mr. McLean at the Miami Beach Branch of Fenner and Beane, who advised on February 4, 1935, that he had been acquainted with McDonald for several years; that he recalled on the February previous to this interview, McDonald had called at the Fenner and Beane Office seeking quotations on Government bonds. McLean confidentially advised that at that time McDonald claimed to be stopping at the Venetian Hotel in Miami.

Upon making inquiry at the Venetian Hotel, it was learned through Mr. D. L. Hoyle, Assistant Manager, that Cassius McDonald and his wife had stopped at that Hotel, occupying Room 801 from January 25, to January 28, when they checked out; that they were registered as Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McDonald. There was no record of any telephone calls, nor of having received any mail, nor of having any guests.

Jimmie Gordon, bell boy at the Venetian Hotel advised that he carried McDonald's baggage out of the Hotel on January 28, 1935; that at that time he asked McDonald if he was going North and received a reply in the affirmative.

Harry Brown, doorman at the Venetian advised that McDonald made inquiry of him as to how to reach the Tamiami Trail, which leads to Tampa, and St. Petersburg; further that at the time McDonald was leaving he informed Brown that if someone should inquire for him that he should tell them to meet him at Palm Beach.

Appropriate investigation was conducted at Palm Beach, Florida, and at West Palm Beach, Florida, by Special Agent L. J. Metcalf, who on February 7, 1935, located McDonald's automobile parked at the Breakers Hotel, a very exclusive resort Inn, at 1:15 P. M. At the same time that Metcalf located the car Mr. and Mrs. Cassius McDonald returned to it. At that time Special Agent Metcalf made inquiry of McDonald as to why he was driving an automobile with 1934 license plates, and McDonald stated that he could explain this, agreeing to accompany Metcalf to the latter's Hotel at West Palm Beach.

Special Agents B. F. Fitzsimons, L. B. Nichols, J. H. Hanson, and H. M. Eubank, subsequently joined Special Agent Metcalf and at which time Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were thoroughly interrogated as will be noted below from their statements. Their baggage and Hotel room was also checked, they having willingly consented to this, but no information of value was secured, except as will be found outlined below.

It might be mentioned that McDonald had in his possession a package of \$1.00 bills totalling approximately \$400.00.

Cassius McDonald executed a signed statement as follows, portions of which have been omitted from mimeograph copies of this report:

West Palm Beach, Florida  
February 8, 1935.

I, Cassius M. McDonald, make the following voluntary statement to J. H. Hanson whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice; knowing that it may be used against me. No threats or promises have been made to me as an inducement.

I am forty-nine years of age; married and reside with my wife, Edith, at Trombley Road and Lake St. Clair, Detroit, Michigan. We have no children. For the past twenty five years I have been engaged in gambling activities in Chicago, Illinois, Detroit, Michigan and Havana, Cuba. I have likewise been interested in forestry and engineering and maintain offices at 711 Hammond Building, Detroit, Michigan. In connection with my gambling I have been visiting Havana on occasions within the past ten years and as a result I have managed to control gambling in Havana.

During the winter of 1934, I was interested in the Summer Casino at Havana, with one Juan R. Jimenez, a Chinaman, interested in the gambling concessions for the De Cespedes interests, and I remained in Havana, with my wife, for approximately three months, during which time we resided at the Presidente Hotel.

I have been shown a photograph of a man who I am told is William Harrison. I do not know this man. \* \* \* \*

I do not know the man whose photograph has been shown to me and who I am told is "Sea Lion" or Harry Sawyer. \* \* \*

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During the early part of September, 1934, I made two trips to Cuba in connection with the concessions at the Casino and Track in Havana. While in Havana I stayed at the Presidente Hotel. I don't know N. H. Heller, manager of the Parkview Hotel there, although I have been in the hotel and barroom. I never heard of Heller until I read of his recent apprehension. It has been three or four years since I have been in the Parkview Hotel.

Since September, 1934, I have taken my money out of the Chinese gambling interests which are controlled by a man named Jimenez, called the 'Chinaman', which amounted to about five thousand dollars. This was in small bills of one-five-ten and twenty dollar denominations together with some silver. I exchanged this money for one thousand dollar bills at the Royal Bank of Canada, Havana, Cuba. I have also made similar exchanges of money secured out of my other interests, particularly slot-machines. I also had about ten or twelve thousand dollars in gold which I exchanged for fifty; one-hundred and one-thousand dollar bills through the National City Bank of Havana, in the gambling season and September, 1934. When the revolution came on I took the gold, above referred to, from the safety deposit box in the Presidente Hotel, and left it with the Chinaman, Jimenez, at his home. In the spring of 1934, I converted \$25,000.00 in liberty bonds which I had for three or four years, and which were purchased in Detroit, Michigan, into cash, through Ungerlider and Company, Brokers, at Havana.

The money received from the sale of the bonds above mentioned and receipts from the Chinese gambling concessions is all the money I brought back from Cuba during 1934 and until the present time, except a bankroll of \$5,000.00 and profits of \$3,400.00, less expenses. I have had no gambling activity at Havana during the present season.

I desire to state that I do not know one T. C. Blackburn, to whom a Western Union telegram was dispatched from Miami, Florida, on December 29, 1934 over the signature 'Cash'. This telegram having been sent to Ocklawaha, Florida. If such message was sent it was done without my knowledge and by a person or persons unknown to me.

I left Miami, Florida, on or about December 30, 1934, by boat, for Havana, Cuba, and shortly after my arrival there I was detained by Immigration authorities, on transfer from the Havana police, on complaint of a Cuban that I had threatened him. I was released from custody and a few days thereafter I left Havana, with my wife, and came to Miami, Florida, where we registered at the Venetian Hotel; staying there two or three days, after which we drove, in my car, to West Palm Beach, Florida, where I registered, under the name of 'E. G. McDonald' at the Salt Air Hotel. The morning after our arrival at West Palm Beach, I drove to Detroit, Michigan; leaving my wife at West Palm Beach. I made the trip to Detroit for the purpose of putting my money away. In that connection I desire to state that I have no banking connections, but keep some of my money in a safety deposit box in the Guardian Union Group and I keep some in my home at Detroit. I returned to West Palm Beach on the evening of February 6, 1935.

While in Detroit on the last mentioned occasion I did not stay in my home, but stayed at the Book-Cadillac Hotel in their club section located on the sixteenth floor.

I have read the foregoing statement it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Cassius M. McDonald.

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Witness: L. J. Metcalf, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
Room 314 Post Office Building, Birmingham, Alabama.

Witness: J. H. Hanson, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
Room 314 Post Office Building, Birmingham, Alabama."

It should also be mentioned that McDonald claimed that on one occasion he had been kidnapped at Detroit, Michigan, and robbed of several thousand dollars, which fact is known to Detectives Bogan, Winsell and Lt. Hoffman of the Detroit, Michigan Homicide Squad. He claimed that it is for this reason that he has used the aliases set out in the title of this report. He also claimed that various confidence men and gamblers have used his name, which has caused him much embarrassment, specially at the time of the crooked world series several years ago when it was reported that he had "fixed" the Chicago White Sox team.

It should also be mentioned that there was found in his possession a slip of paper bearing the name of Harry J. Evans, 8643 E. Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan. McDonald stated that while he did not know, he believed that this was the name of some dealer, who wanted a job in a gambling resort.

There was also found in his possession and is now in the custody of the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, a Pan-American Airways ticket, No. 32445, purchased 9-11-34 in Havana, Cuba, for a round trip to Miami, Florida. The unused portion of the ticket being that part of the passage from Miami to Havana.

There was also found in his possession an official form postcard issued by the Department of Immigration for Cuba, which is used by a Tourist while in Cuba and up to his departure, when it is returned to the Department of Immigration for Cuba. This card indicates that Cassius McDonald on 9-4-34 traveled via the P. & O. Steamship Company from Key West to Havana, Cuba.

Mrs. Edith McDonald, the wife of Cassius M. McDonald, executed a signed statement which is omitted from mimeographed copies of this report.



For future reference a description of Mrs. McDonald is being set out at this time obtained from personal observation and information furnished by herself:

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| Name            | Edith (Gordon) McDonald  |
| Age             | 36 (4-16-34)   |
| Height          | 5' 4"  |
| Weight          | 129  |
| Build           | Medium   |
| Comp.           | Medium   |
| Hair            | Blonde   |
| Eyes            | Dark Blue  |
| Teeth           | Good   |
| Marital Status  | Married - 3-23-34, New York City,<br>No children.  |
| Residence       | Trombley Road at Lake St. Clair,<br>Detroit, Michigan.   |
| Occupation      | Housewife  |
| Relatives       | Mrs. C. A. Gordon, mother,<br>744 Oakdale St.,<br>Grand Rapids, Mich.<br>C. A. Gordon, father, same. |
| Nationality     | American - Born Grand Rapids, Mich.  |
| Criminal Record | Never arrested anywhere, any time on<br>any charge whatever.   |

Special Agent L. B. Nichols, conducted the following additional investigation at Palm Beach and West Palm Beach:

Mrs. Edith McDonald was questioned at great length by Special Agent H. L. Eubank and the writer, in addition to the information recorded in her signed statement, Mrs. McDonald advised that she left Cash in Detroit September 1, 1934, when she went to their Camp in the North woods; that sometime between September 10 and 12 she wired him in Detroit to call her at a designated place where a telephone was in the North Woods; that shortly thereafter Cash called her from Detroit, and as far as she knows he was in Detroit all the time; that he never brought her any perfume which he is alleged to have brought to the States from Cuba in excess of custom's regulations. Mrs. McDonald contended that she was ignorant of Cash's business activities, stating that she did know he had some money invested in a gambling house or so



in Detroit. That she didn't know Cash was interested in the Chinese gambling concession in Cuba, that he sold \$25,000.00 worth of liberty bonds in Cuba, or that he had any gold in Cuba. She further added that when Cash said he was going to Detroit on January 29, 1935, it was for the purpose of taking care of their home in Detroit, and to see that nothing froze. She further added that only her immediate family called her husband "CASH"; that so far as she knows that is not the name he is generally known by. She further reiterated when shown pictures of the Barker-Karpis gang that she had never seen any of them and had never seen Willie Harrison. It was apparent throughout the interview that Mrs. McDonald was not telling the truth.

John L. Prescott, Salt Air Hotel, advised that the McDonalds checked in on January 28, 1935; that the following day Mr. McDonald left for the North and didn't return until February 6, 1935; that Mrs. McDonald remained; that the McDonalds had no visitors, made no phone calls and received none except on January 30, 1935, but that he might have destroyed the daily report sheet after raking the entries as he was new and inexperienced. Prescott was unable to identify any photos of the Barker-Karpis gang.

It should be noted that the Salt Air Hotel is a small second rate Hotel and decidedly below the standard that McDonald would be expected to frequent.

R. J. Rily, Royal Worth Hotel, was shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang and could identify none of them.

A golf tournament was in progress and Agents walked around with the crowd, thinking that Willie Harrison might be present, however, no one bearing his description or resembling him was present.

C. C. Sheppard, J. E. Thomas and Willie Worthen, advised Agents that they knew Willie Harrison, by his photograph and had seen him around town sometime ago, but could not place him, and were positive that he was not now in West Palm Beach and had not been there for a very long period of time. Sheppard and Worthen run a book-making joint, and Thomas is a local gambler. Agents were directed to the above named people as being a reliable source of information with knowledge of the town. The above named people promised to co-operate with the Division and stated they would call the Jacksonville Office should Willie Harrison or other members of the gang put in their appearance.

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After the apprehension of McDonald at Palm Beach, he voluntarily consented to be removed to Miami, Florida. While the Deputy United States Marshal had accompanied Agent Hanson to Palm Beach from Miami, McDonald was not taken into Federal custody until late on the night of February 8, 1935, after the interrogation of him had been completed.

Included in his personal effects were two leather portfolios, which portfolios on February 9, 1935, were observed by subject Joseph H. Adams, who advised that they appeared to be similar to the portfolios that McDonald was carrying at the time he was making his trips to Havana in September, 1934.

It might also be mentioned that in these portfolios there were numerous blank pieces of stationery of various organizations, such as the International Investment Exchange, International Exchange, International Consolidated Stock Exchange, International Consolidated Exchange, International Stock & Bond Company, Logan, Pearl & Co., Brokers, Consolidated Exchange, as well as blank form telegrams of the Western Union and Postal Companies with envelopes, the telegram blanks being of the type used by the telegraph company in preparing messages for delivery to the addressee.

There was also in one of the brief cases a tube of paste. There was also found in these brief cases drafts prepared by the Consolidated Exchange as well as blank cashier's checks of the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., of the National Savings & Trust Company of New York, and of the National Corn Exchange Bank.

The above stationery and equipment, according to Mr. Jose Medina, who has been mentioned above as being a former Inspector of Police at Havana, Cuba, and who has had a great deal of experience with confidence men, is the typical equipment of a confidence man.

Copies of the blank cashier's checks are being forwarded to the Field Offices designated below in order that appropriate inquiry can be made at the Banks, if any such exist, to determine if they have experienced any difficulty with McDonald's activities.

The brief cases themselves with the bulk of their contents have been transmitted to the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, with a letter dated February 10, 1935, for which reason the entire contents are not being set out in this report.

It might further be mentioned that there were found in these port-folios of McDonald's a number of letters written in Spanish. Some of the papers appear to be legal documents which have been translated by Mr. Medina, who advises that the legal documents pertain to an outline of a basis for an agreement to rent and sell the various gambling facilities owned by the Cespedes Interests in Havana, the proposition having been submitted by Dr. Carlos Manuel de la Cruz, also a part owner, according to Medina, who further advised that the papers indicated that McDonald since 1934 has been attempting to obtain an option on the Oriental Race Track and the National Casino in Havana.

Medina also advised that some of the correspondence was between McDonald and Juan B. Jimenez, who is a Chinaman, residing in Havana, and who also is an ex-convict, confidence man and is regarded as the pay-off there.

Medina also advised that the correspondence indicated that McDonald had communicated with Mario Artesiano, of Havana, who is also connected with the Race Tracks and gambling there.

Further that McDonald had in his possession a note signed by a Cuban named Nene Renedo, 74 N. W. 20th Street, Miami, Florida, to Rogelio Gomez, a Cuban, who is a Justice of the Peace at Key West, Florida, and who Medina claims is a crook.

It might be mentioned that Nene Renedo was interviewed at Miami and claimed that he has known McDonald for three or four years, having met him at a time when Renedo was an employee of Jimenez, as a gambler in Havana; that he understood that McDonald was a big business man from Detroit, and was attempting to secure control of the concessions in Havana. Renedo denied knowing anything about McDonald or his associates.

There was also found in these effects a telegram that McDonald had sent to Albert Sabath, of Chicago, Ill., relative to the men who had operated the Jockey Club in Havana, during the present season, it now being closed, but in this telegram McDonald informed Sabath that he had an option on all of the gambling in Cuba and that Sabath would not be permitted to operate inasmuch as he has not been so authorized by McDonald.

This appears to be an attempt by McDonald to shake down Sabath and it is believed that the Chicago Office should ascertain if Sabath knows anything concerning McDonald's activities.

As will be noted from the above McDonald denies knowing any of the Barker-Karpis crowd, claiming furthermore that he did not send the telegram from the El Comodoro Hotel to Fred Barker, alias T. C. Blackburn at Oklawaha, on December 29, 1934.

Joseph H. Adams a subject in this case, who had furnished the information as to this telegram, saying that he had furnished Barker's address to McDonald, stated that he himself might have written the message at McDonald's request.

Specimens of both McDonald's and Adams' handwriting have been obtained and the original telegram will be secured from the Western Union Telegraph Company at Miami, all of which writing will be submitted to the Division for a study in the Laboratory to ascertain the identity of the person writing the message.

It might be mentioned at this time, concerning the personal history of McDonald that E. G. Weiss, Pinkerton Officer from Chicago, Ill., at the present stationed at the Hialeah Race Track, advised that he knows Cassius McDonald, and his family, saying that Cassius' father was Mike McDonald who operated the only gambling place in Chicago in the late 80's.

Walter Gorman, House Officer at the Hollywood Hotel, Hollywood, Florida, who is a former Pinkerton Detective, stated that he knows Cassius McDonald very well; that Cassius has the reputation in Detroit, Michigan, of being a "fixer" and contact man for underworld characters; that Capt. Shuey Malone, of the Philadelphia, Pa., Police Department, has been seeking a picture of McDonald for several years; that McDonald is a known confidence man, who plays in the background; and that on one occasion several years ago a \$10,000.00 bank note was traced to McDonald, but the authorities were unable to connect him with it.

The following statement was obtained from George Carter, Miami Beach, Florida, who is a well known gambler, and who is the party to whom McDonald referred in his statement above:

"Miami, Fla.  
February 10, 1935.

I, George Carter, make the following voluntary statement to L. B. Nichols, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

I have been shown pictures of Willie Harrison, Cash McDonald, and Harry Sawyer, and state that I do not know any of them, altho Harrison's face is familiar. I have heard of Cash McDonald, from Cuba, but do not know him. I have also been shown photographs of other members of the Barker-Karpis crowd and I do not know any of them. I also wish to say that I did not operate a gambling place in September 1934 on Miami Beach, Fla., for which reason I can testify that Harry Sawyer alias Sealion and Willie Harrison did not work for me in Sept. 1934. In 1934 our gambling opened Feb. 4, and closed the later part of March 1934. We were not open at all in the Fall of 1934 or Winter 1935. I have never heard of a book maker named Long. The above statement has been read by me and is true.

/s/ G. R. K. Carter  
1673 Bay Road

It might be mentioned that during the interview with McDonald he indicated that he was attempting to secure the Cuba gambling interests for a syndicate in the North. The names of gamblers that were mentioned by him were Art Hebebran and Jimmie Patton of Cleveland. He claimed that they were interested in going in with him on such a proposition.

McDonald's replies to questions put to him were very vague. He mentioned, however, that he had lost \$193,000.00 in a bank crash in Detroit, Michigan, and that at the present time he had a safety deposit box in Detroit, located in a Bank, the name of which he was not certain, but stated that it was located across from the Post Office Building in Detroit.

It might be mentioned at this time that Special Agent R. D. Brown in Havana, has ascertained that three telegrams were sent by Nathaniel H. Heller to Joseph H. Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, which messages pertain to William Harrison and others of the mob in this case. For this reason a check was made at the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies, to determine if Adams replied to these telegrams, by the same system, but no record could be found of such telegraphic replies.

It was determined by Special Agent R. L. Tollett, that Joseph H. Wallis, District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U. S. Department of Labor, Room 444, U. S. Post Office & Court House Bldg., Jacksonville, Florida, is the legal custodian of the inward and outward manifests of passengers leaving or entering the United States, in District No. 6, consisting of Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina, and can produce same upon answer to subpoena.

The information obtained from him concerning the passage booked by the subjects in this case is set out below.

It might also be mentioned that Mr. Roy Rainey, Auditor, P. & O. Steamship Company, 5th Floor Florida National Bank Bldg., Jacksonville, Florida, is the custodian of the records mentioned, containing the information set out below.

The Immigration Inspectors who are mentioned below are located in the Ports where the boats or planes dock. The Purser of the P. & O. Steamship Company can be located in care of that Company at Key West, Florida.

From the records of the Immigration Service, the following was determined:

1. On September 2, 1934, Cassius McDonald, male 48 years of age, embarked at Miami, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, traveling on Pan American Airways Plane NC 752-V, the pilot being C. A. Lardner, Immigration Inspector being Paul N. Gray.
2. On September 2, 1934, Cassius McDonald, returned to Miami, from Havana, on the same plane, same pilot, and Immigration Inspector.

3. On September 4, 1934, Cassius W. McDonald, Male, 43 Years of age, embarked at Key West, Florida, for Havana, traveling on the S. S. Cuba, State Room 207, Purser being S. E. Stevens, Immigration Inspector being A. S. Caviness, F.E.C. ticket No. 95006.
  4. On September 6, 1934, Cassius McDonald, Male, 48 Years of Age, embarked at Havana, Cuba, for Miami Florida, traveling on Pan-American Airways Plane NC-80-V, the pilot being R. A. Doklstrom, Immigration Inspector being Paul N. Gray.
  5. On September 9, 1934, Cassius McDonald, Male, 48 years of age, embarked at Miami, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, traveling on Pan-American Airways Plane No. NC-80-V, the pilot being R. O. D. Sullivan, Immigration Inspector being Emit Phillips.
  6. On September 9, 1934, William Harrison, Male, 34 years of age, embarked at Miami, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, traveling on the same plane as McDonald.
  7. On September 11, 1934, Cassius McDonald, Male, 48 years of Age, returned to Miami, Florida from Havana, traveling on Pan-American Airways Plane No. NC 752-V, pilot being Fred V. Clark, Immigration Inspector being Paul N. Gray.
  8. On September 11, 1934, William Harrison, Male, 34 years of age, returned to Miami, Florida, from Havana, Cuba, on the same Plane with McDonald.
  9. On September 21, 1934, Elmer Wagner and Dolores Wagner, Age 27 and 25 years, respectively, embarked from Key West for Havana, Cuba, sailing on the S. S. Cuba, State Room 135, S. E. Stevens being Purser, and A. S. Caviness Immigration Inspector, F. E. C. Tickets 95019 and 95020 respectively.
  10. On November 14, 1934, Dolores Wagner and Nat Heller, Age 22 and 42 years respectively, embarked at Havana, Cuba, for Key West, Florida, on the S. S. Cuba, occupying State Rooms 240 and 216 respectively, Cad Coles being the purser and A. R. Wiggin, the Immigration Inspector - Tickets being Havana 29157 and 14473 respectively.
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11. On November 18, 1934, Dolores Wagner, Female, Age 22 years, embarked at Miami, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, traveling on Pan-American Airways Plane No. NC-81-V, pilot being L. Terlelsky, Immigration Inspector being E. F. Kimball.
12. On November 20, 1934, Nathaniel Heller, Male, 42 years of age, embarked at Key West, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, sailing on S. S. Cuba, State Room 109, J. L. Ley being Purser, and A. S. Caviness, being the Immigration Inspector, Havana ticket 14473.
13. On December 4, 1934, Dolores Wagner, Female 22 years of age, embarked at Havana, Cuba, for Miami, Florida, traveling on Pan-American Airways Plane No. NC-81-V, R. O. D. Sullivan being pilot, and Paul N. Gray being the Immigration Inspector.
14. On December 5, 1934, Nathaniel H. Heller and Edward N. Wagner, Male, Age 42 and 28 years respectively, embarked at Havana, Cuba, for Key West, Florida, sailing on S. S. Cuba, occupying State Rooms 234, and 105 respectively, J. L. Ley being the Purser, and A. R. Wiggin the Immigration Officer, Havana tickets Nos. 46919 and 29179 respectively.
15. On December 7, 1934, Nathaniel H. Heller, Male Age 42 years, embarked at Miami, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, traveling in Pan-American Airways plane, No. NC-81-V, J. T. Rogerson being the pilot, and Paul N. Gray the Immigration Inspector.

In obtaining the above information from the records of the Immigration Service, it was noted that Otto Bremer, the Uncle of the Victim, in this case, as well as Freeda Bremer, undoubtedly another relative of the victim, on November 14, 1934, were passengers on the same boat going to Miami as were Dolores Delaney and Nathaniel H. Heller. This is being set out for the information of the Office of Origin.

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During the course of this investigation prosecutive action as follows took place:

1. Complaints were filed by the Assistant United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, on January 22, 1935, against Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, charging them with the violation of Section 141 of the Criminal Code in that they harbored and concealed Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, persons for whom warrants had been issued. Non est returns were made on the warrants issued on the basis of these complaints on the same date, and the necessary certified papers were forwarded to the United States Attorney at Philadelphia, Pa., in order that these two women could be removed to Miami.
2. On January 25, 1935, a complaint was filed by the United States Attorney's Office at Miami, against Henry Randall, alias Duke Randall, charging him with the same violation as the girls mentioned above. He was taken into custody by the United States Marshal on that date, waived hearing, and in default of a bond of \$25,000.00 was committed to the County Jail in Miami, Florida.
3. Complaint filed by the Assistant United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, on January 29, 1935, against Joseph H. Adams, charging him with concealing and harboring Alvin Karpis in violation of Section 141 of the Criminal Code; also charging him with a violation of Section 4 (a) of the National Firearms Act, and Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the above Statute in concealing a gun in an attempt to evade Revenue Tax. The latter two complaints pertain to the Browning Rifle handled by Adams. He entered a plea of not guilty before the United States Commissioner on January 29, 1935, on which date he had been taken into custody, and hearing was set for February 2, 1935, Adams being released on a cash bond of \$5,000.00.
4. On February 2, 1935, a complaint was filed by Special Agent J. H. Hanson before the United States Commissioner at Miami, Florida, charging Nathaniel H. Heller with the violation of Section 88, Title 18, in that he conspired and agreed, from the 1st day of September, 1934, up to the date the complaint was filed with John Doe and Richard Roe, to commit a violation of Section 141, U. S. Criminal Code, covering the harboring and concealing of a fugitive, the fugitive in this case being Alvin Karpis.

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The Grand Jury sitting in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 7, 1935, returned a total of sixteen indictments, according to information furnished by Mr. W. Sanders Gramling, Assistant United States Attorney.

These indictments charge Nathaniel H. Heller, Cassius McDonald, Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, individually with harboring and concealing Karpis; Joseph H. Adams and Duke Randall, being charged jointly with harboring him. Each of these persons was also charged in a separate indictment with the misprisin of a felony in that they did not disclose that Karpis was a person who had fled in interstate commerce to avoid prosecution for a crime cognizable under the Laws of the United States, and in a second count in these indictments they were charged with the same offense for failing to disclose that Karpis was a person who had fled in interstate commerce to avoid prosecution for a crime cognizable under the laws of the State of Minnesota. Another indictment charged Randall, Adams, Delaney, Burdette, McDonald, and Heller with conspiracy to violate Section 141 of the Criminal Code of the United States in concealing and harboring Karpis. Another indictment charged these same persons with conspiracy to commit a misprisin of a felony in that they conspired to conceal the fact that they knew that Karpis was wanted for the prosecution of a crime cognizable under the Laws of the United States and had fled in interstate commerce. Another indictment charged Joseph H. Adams with the violation of the National Firearms Act in connection with the Browning Machine Gun that was recovered in Miami, and in a separate indictment Randall was charged with the same violation.

Copies of the above mentioned indictments are being secured from Assistant United States Attorney, W. Sanders Gramling at Miami, Florida, and will be furnished to the Division.

It might also be mentioned that Mr. Gramling has advised that the Judge of the United States District Court has set Randall's bond at \$10,000.00, which he has as yet failed to make; that Adams' bond was set at \$10,000.00, which is an increase of \$5,000.00 over the bond that he made on the complaint mentioned above, which \$10,000.00 bond Adams made on the evening of February 8, 1935.

Mr. Gramling further advised telephonically on February 11, 1935, that the Judge had reduced Adams' bond to \$5,000.00.

Mr. Gramling further advised that McDonald's bond was set at \$25,000.00 in default of which he was at the present time in custody of the United States Marshal in the County Jail in Miami, Florida, but he further advised that on February 11, 1935, he had learned confidentially that the Honorable Halsted Ritter, Judge of the United States District Court in Miami, Florida, was considering reducing McDonald's bond to \$15,000.00.

Subjects Delaney and Burdette, of course, are in the custody of the United States Marshal at Philadelphia, Pa., and subject Heller is in custody of the Havana, Cuba, Police, and it is expected that he will be deported to the United States, or will go to Miami, Florida, voluntarily.

Descriptions and personal history of the subjects, who are in custody at Miami, Florida, as obtained from them, and from personal observation, are as follows:

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| Name             | Cassius McDonald   |
| Age              | 49 Years   |
| Nativity         | Chicago, Ill. Born 10-16-85.                                       |
| Height           | 5' 10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "                                |
| Weight           | 182  |
| Build            | Medium   |
| Eyes             | Blue   |
| Complexion       | Very ruddy   |
| Hair             | Gray - solid   |
| Mustache         | Sometimes wears gray colored mustache.                             |
| Scars            | Index finger on left hand off at first joint                       |
| Peculiarities    | Walks noticeably stooped   |
| Education        | Notre Dame and Purdue University                                   |
| Occupation       | Forestry Engineer  |
| Residence        | 500 Trombley, Grosse Point, Detroit, Michigan                      |
| Marital Status   | Married - wife being Edith Gordon McDonald, address same as above. |
| Business Address | 711 Hammond Building Detroit, Michigan.                            |

## Fingerprints

Submitted to the Identification Unit, who advised on February 10, 1935, that there was no prior known record for McDonald. In the Jacksonville File. Specimen in the Jacksonville File.

Photograph  
Handwriting

## Name

Duke Randall  
(Henry Stern - True Name)

## Age

32 years

## Nativity

Newark, N.J. 8-19-02

## Height

5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

## Weight

163

## Build

Medium

## Eyes

Blue

## Hair

Chestnut - Wavy - graying in front.

## Teeth

Fair - Gold crowns upper sides, one gold crown front bottom.

## Occupation

Lather Laborer - Local No. 102, Wood, Wire and Metal Lather International Union, Newark, N.J. Orchestra Leader.

## Relatives

Race Track Money Changer.

Dr. David A. Stern - brother, 127 Lyons Avenue, Newark, N.J.

Samuel A. Stern, brother, lather by occupation - 127 Lyons Avenue, Newark, N.J.

William Stern - brother - Grocer - 53 43rd Road, Long Island City, N.Y.

Sister - Mrs. Fannie Fich, living in the Bronx, New York City.

Grammar School in Newark, N.J.

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Division letter of January 25, 1935 indicated no known criminal record.

## Education

## Police No.

## Criminal Record

## Photograph

In Jacksonville File

## Handwriting

Specimen in Jacksonville File.

It might be mentioned that the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, received an anonymous letter, written at Atlantic City, N. J. on January 27, 1935, indicating that Randall is a killer.

It might also be mentioned that at the time Randall applied for a position with the Rolfe Armored Service, Inc., at Miami, Florida, he indicated on his application blank that he had experience with a .45 Automatic Army Type Pistol, and that for the past ten years his occupation had been that of a bodyguard.

It is known that Randall has been active in labor organizations and that possibly he was employed as a bodyguard in Newark.

Randall on one occasion furnished the United States Attorney with a list of individuals in Newark and Atlantic City, N.J. some of the names being:

|                            |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Moe Harris                 | Hardy's Casino, Atlantic City;   |
| Enock L. Johnson           | Atlantic City;                   |
| Mrs. M. L. Paxton          | Atlantic City;                   |
| Dave Stein                 | Union Labor Center, Newark, N.J. |
| Dr. John J. Peckliss       | Newark, N.J.                     |
| Dr. Ben Silverstein        | Newark, N.J.                     |
| Asst. Prosecutor Breitkoff | Newark, N.J.                     |
| Mrs. Leon Fiest            | Newark, N.J.                     |

Randall has also advised that his girl friend is Peggy O'Neill, a show girl, who resides at 460 45th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

This information is being set out inasmuch as the Assistant United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, has indicated that he desires a thorough investigation conducted of Randall's activities in Newark.

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| Name           | Joseph H. Adams  |
| Age            | 39 years   |
| Nativity       | Spring Grove, Ky. Born 10-19-93  |
| Height         | 6' 1"  |
| Weight         | 180  |
| Build          | medium   |
| Complexion     | medium   |
| Eyes           | Hazel  |
| Hair           | Brown  |
| Education      | Grammar school at the Masonic Home, Louisville, Ky.  |
| Relatives      | Mother - Mrs. Laura Adams<br>Etowah, Tenn.<br>Sister - Mrs. Hallie Towars,<br>Etowah, Tenn.<br>Joe Adams - Son - 14 years of age<br>Jean Adams - Daughter - 16 years of age,<br>living with his mother.  |
| Marital Status | Divorced from Lillian Adams, whose<br>present whereabouts is unknown,<br>present wife being Mrs. Louise Adams,<br>nee Knight, the daughter of R. T.<br>Knight of Miami, Florida.   |
| Residence      | El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida.   |
| Occupation     | Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel,<br>and Biscayne Kennel Club, Miami,<br>Florida.<br>Formerly a moving picture salesman<br>for the Fox and Vitograph Moving<br>Pictures.<br>Theatre Proprietor in Jacksonville, Fla.,<br>and Promotor of the Jai Alai Games<br>in Miami. |
| Fingerprints   | Submitted to Identification Unit,<br>who advised on February 1, 1935,<br>that there was no former record on<br>Adams.  |
| Handwriting    | In the Jacksonville File.  |
| Photograph     | In the Jacksonville File, having been<br>obtained from newspaper clipping.   |

## Prior Arrests:

Adams admitted having been arrested by the Miami Police Department in 1933 when drunk but was released without being booked. Also claims that as Manager of a Race Track he was arrested at Jeffersonville, Ind., in 1931 in connection with a test case to determine the legality of the dog track pari-mutuel system, claiming that he was acquitted at that time

It might also be mentioned that in connection with Adams' personal history, it was learned during the investigation in Miami, that his present wife is the former secretary of Congressman Mark Wilcox of Florida; further that she is a distant relative of Mr. Wilcox. Mr. R. T. Knight, Adams' father-in-law informed the investigating Agent that he managed Wilcox's political campaign.

The general rumor in Miami is that R. T. Knight, as well as his brother, John Knight, both of whom are engaged in the real estate business, are the political bosses in Miami, Florida.

It might further be mentioned that Mr. R. T. Knight was recently indicted by the State Grand Jury at Miami, Florida on a charge of conspiring with the Director of Public Safety and other Officials of the Police Department to permit the operation of crime in Miami by restricting the police officers from working in certain sections of the City.

It might be mentioned that the State Grand Jury while sitting at Miami, Florida, returned numerous indictments against public office holders, but many people claimed it was a political situation.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at MIAMI, FLORIDA, after the submission of a report by Special Agent R. D. Brown, concerning his activities in Havana, Cuba, and after the submission of a report Special Agent L. B. Nichols, will complete any other investigation that is required with a view to preparing a summary report concerning the harboring activities in this case at Miami.

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at PHILADELPHIA, Pa., will ascertain if Capt. Shuey Malone of the Police Department has any information concerning the criminal activities of Cassius McDonald. Two copies of McDonald's photograph are attached hereto, one for delivery to Capt. Malone if he desires it. Will also re-interview Delaney and Burdette on the basis of the information contained in this report to determine particularly if they know of the activities of Cassius McDonald and Nathaniel Heller.

At Newark, N. J. will conduct an appropriate investigation concerning the criminal record and reputation of Duke Randall. A copy of Randall's photograph is also enclosed.

THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE at PITTSBURGH, Pa., will ascertain if the Mellon National Bank has had any difficulty with Cassius McDonald using its cashier's checks. A copy of the Cashier's check found in his possession is attached hereto, and it should be determined if it is an authentic check. It should be returned to the Jacksonville Office when it has served its purpose. A photograph of McDonald is also attached to the Pittsburgh copies of this report.



THE NEW YORK OFFICE at NEW YORK CITY will ascertain from the National Savings and Trust Company if it has had any difficulty with Cassius McDonald in connection with his having in his possession a cashier's check of that Bank. A copy of the check found in his possession is enclosed herewith. It should be returned to the Jacksonville Office after it has been determined whether or not it is an authentic check. A copy of McDonald's photograph is also attached hereto.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE at CHICAGO, Ill., should endeavor to secure complete information concerning the history and criminal activities of Cassius McDonald. For its assistance there is attached to its copies of this report a blank cashier's check issued by the National Corn Exchange Bank, as well as a copy of McDonald's photograph. It should be determined if the National Corn Exchange Bank has had any difficulty with McDonald in his activities, also whether the check attached is authentic. The check should be returned to the Jacksonville Office.

The Chicago Office should also contact Albert Sabath, a race track man, whom McDonald states is well known in Chicago, to determine what information Mr. Sabath has concerning McDonald, and specially to determine if McDonald attempted to "Shake down" Sabath.

The Chicago Office should also conduct appropriate investigation at the office of Dr. Van Borries, plastic surgeon, an advertisement of whom, it will be noted from the above, was found in the effects of Karpis in Miami, Florida, to determine if the Doctor has treated Karpis, as well as to make appropriate arrangements to apprehend Karpis should he contact that Doctor.

The Detroit Office at Detroit, Michigan should conduct appropriate investigation to secure all information concerning the criminal activities and personal history of Cassius McDonald, inasmuch as the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida is desirous of securing this. The details of this report carry much information concerning him which can be checked in Detroit, Michigan.

THE NASHVILLE OFFICE at NASHVILLE, TENN., will ascertain if any of the Barker-Karpis crowd are located at the Broadway National Bank inasmuch as it will be noted from the above that check blanks of that institution were found at Oklawaha, Florida, at the Barker hideout.

At Etowah, Tenn., will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the manner in which Joe Adams purchased the license plates for Barker's car, also to check on the activities of Duke Randall on his trip there to "fix things", all of which is outlined in the report above.

The attention of all Offices is invited to the fact that the United States Attorney in Miami, Florida, is desirous of securing all possible information concerning the criminal activities and personal history of the subjects who are to be prosecuted in Miami, and if information is available in the files of those offices it should be transmitted to the Jacksonville Office to be forwarded to the United States Attorney at Miami.

It is also requested that in designating report for the Jacksonville Office, two copies should be designated for the United States Attorney, in order that one copy may be kept in the Jacksonville Office of the United States Attorney and one copy forwarded to the Office of the Assistant United States Attorney in Miami, Florida, where prosecutive action in this case will take place.

P E N D I N G

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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February 20, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.  
#1218, et al.  
KIDNAPING.

Enclosed herewith you will find three copies of report dated February 20, 1935, by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson in the above entitled case.

One copy of this report is being furnished the following Offices, and additional copies as indicated at the bottom of the title page, will be furnished, as soon as the second and third runs of the report are completed:

- 1 - E. J. Connelley, Chicago,
- 1 - St. Paul
- 1 - Chicago (Enclosures)
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- 1 - New York (Enclosures)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (Enclosures)
- 1 - Birmingham.
- 1 - United States Attorney at Miami, Fla.

Very truly yours,

*R. A. Alt*

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to your letter of January 22, 1935 covering the transmittal of various firearms and accessories which were found in the house occupied by Kate and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. 1232, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

Upon receipt of the guns in the Bureau, two road maps of the State of Ohio and one of the state of Florida were found among the newspapers used as packing material. Please advise as to what importance, if any, is attached to these maps, and if they are to be examined for latent fingerprints.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago  
cc-St. Paul

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